

# The Connection

Hamburg School's Social Connection

A literary magazine by US, for US, about US



## Spotlight on: LOVE



### What does love mean to you? (responses from our Hamburg School family)

"I'm never gonna give you up, never gonna let you down, never gonna run around and desert you. I'm never gonna make you cry, never gonna say goodbye, never gonna tell a lie and hurt you." - RA

“Love is the feeling of a racing heart when I see that certain person. Love smells like cinnamon donuts on a crisp autumn morning. It's warm and inviting, almost like a hug. To me, love is unconditional and makes everything worth it!” -JM

“Love is the warm feeling you get when something or someone makes you smile and feel happiness. The sound of my son laughing and then falling asleep in my arms, a

gentle hug, holding hands, spending time with those you care about, sitting around and reminiscing about life are "some" examples of what love means to me." -AR

“

To me, love means caring, appreciating, and accepting someone with all your heart. Also feeling comfortable around your loved ones to be yourself. “ - Mrs. Ramos

## 3rd and 4th grade:

💖 Mitchell: kindness - Ms. Kolb

💖 Bryce: helping people - Mrs. Colyer

💖 Jason: friendship, kindness - Mrs. Colyer

💖 Maddie: kindness - Ms. B

💖 Jacob: respecting people - Ms. B

💖 Jamie: family - Ms. B

💖 Briella: happiness, hugs, cheer, romance, chocolate, roses - Ms. B

💖 Yussef: happiness, enjoying time with people, kindness - Ms. B

🐱 Love means to me that you care about someone and you appreciate what they do for you Jacob Ramos Jr

🐱 Love to me is when you get to spend time with people you love. - Mya Morales

🐱 I think love means happiness. -AJF

🐱 I think love means happiness. - Sylas

🐱 To me, love means caring about something or someone very deeply. - Amelia Ruit

🐱 Love is the way to start life because when you were born you loved your parents, siblings, and grandparents and if you had or still have any pets you love them too and I'm sure everyone loves you too. -Robert Reilly

🐱 To me love means something in someone that will always support you and be by your side no matter what you do. -Gia

🐱 Love to me is a form of kindness you can give two different people to make their day better. - Oliver Dreifus


🐱 Love is like kindness, love makes people happy and feel safe. Love is happy fun that's what it means to me. -Ryan

🐱 Love is that you adore, like a cat, dog, lizard, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, aunt, and uncle. -Alaura

🐱 Love means to me a happy feeling in my heart about other people and people who care about me. -Jewelina

🐱 Love means to me that it's just not hugs and kisses, it's about caring for one another and showing that you truly love them and really meaning it. A real connection between one another and being kind to each other showing that you both share a special relationship and are so much alike. That's what love means to me. -Nickolas

## 5th and 6th grade:

<p>Isabelle Mr. Bolchinger</p> <p>Love is something special that can't be found easily and something you should cherish for a long time</p>	<p>Evangelina Mr. Blochinger</p> <p>Love is when people make food for me and I eat it</p>	
<p>Jayden Mrs. Carney</p> <p>Love is when my friends or family appreciate me</p>	<p>Anthony Mrs. Carney</p> <p>Love is when people are kind to me</p>	<p>Mia C. Mrs. Carney</p> <p>Love is family</p>
<p>Paris Mrs. Dean</p> <p>Love is when people care about me</p>	<p>Aliyah Mrs. Dean</p> <p>Love is cool and kind</p>	<p>Kaleigh Mrs. Dean</p> <p>Love is when people care about you</p>

# KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE:

## Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Roth - 1st grade:

🥰 Greyson: "I love my mom a lot."

🥰 Nicole: "happiness"

🥰 Eva: "kindness"

🥰 Aurora: "I love my family."

🥰 Joshua: "my family and brother"

🥰 Julius: "somebody is nice to me"

🥰 Sylas: "My mom buys me a PS5 and Fortnite."

🥰 Maximo: "sharing and being thankful"

🥰 Julian: "a good person"

## Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Green, and Ms. Scritture Kindergarten:

💖 Spencer: "I love my family."

💖 Lennon: "I love my friends."

💖 Talia: "My mom always calls me honey bug."

💖 Grace: "I love my family."

💖 Penelope: "happy"

💖 Juliette: "caring for someone and knowing that they love you"

💖 Lorenzo: "I love my mommy and daddy."

💖 Jacob: "Mommy"

💖 Jackson: "Hugs and kisses are romantic in the USA."

💖 Joshua: "hugging my mommy"

💖 Julius: "somebody is nice to me"

💖 Maximo: "sharing and being thankful"


💖 Ava: "a lot of things"

💖 Nina: "I love my mommy and daddy."


💖 Noah: "My mom does special stuff with me and loves me."




 **Troy: "my mommy and daddy."**  
***Pre-K Triolo***  
***Love is...***

 **Andrianna Bonagura -**  
**Love is when you give something to  
someone you care about!**

 **Efetobo Alakpa -**  
**Love means you love all the people!**


 **Collette Baumgartner -**  
**Love is when you build something  
with paper and pictures. Then, you  
hang it up. Mommy and Daddy will  
kiss you!**

 **Natalie Elmo -**  
**Love is when you have a big (arms  
open wide) heart!**


 **Justin Carroll -**  
**Love is watching "How to Train  
Your Dragon" with Mommy and  
Daddy!**


 **Alivia Hastrup -**  
**Love is when someone loves  
another person. You hug someone**


**and their heart starts to beat  
harder!**

 **Delaney Bond -**  
**Love is when you hug your Mommy  
and Daddy or kiss them. Everybody  
loves people because it is just  
kindness!**

 **Isaac Rodriguez -**  
**Love is when Mommy and Daddy  
get you a big cake for your  
birthday!**

 **Penelope Pensyl -**  
**Love is when someone plays with  
me and hugs me!**

 **Ryan Brucato -**  
**Love is when you hug someone or a  
different way to ask. Kissing  
someone!**

 Mrs. T - Love is how my heart  
feels when I am with my Pre-K  
students!

# Shout-Outs

♥ Congratulations to our middle school band and chorus for an outstanding performance at the District Concert! Middle School students from Hamburg, Hardyston, Ogdensburg, and Franklin joined together with Wallkill Valley High School's chorus and band students for a combined concert. The following students participated:

## BAND -

1. Matthew Geisendorfer
2. Cassandra Leyson
3. Zachary Neiper
4. Luke Nathan
5. Anthony Peluso
6. Joshua Demarest
7. Joshua Muro

## CHORUS -

1. Hope Del Guidice
2. Isabelle Ekatah
3. Evangelina Leyson
4. Sarah Conklin
5. Aoife Cashen
6. Ava Roopchand
7. Matthew Geisendorfer

♥ Congratulations to the Hamburg Knights Boys Basketball Team for a great season. Wishing all of you a great finish to the school year. To the 8th graders, it has been a pleasure and honor to coach you. The past two years have not been easy, but you have overcome the challenges. Best of luck to you! For the 6th and 5th grade boys, you have a strong foundation to build on and we look forward to what next year will bring. Always,  
Coach Ratzer and Coach Clark

♥ Mrs. G's Life Skills Class prepared homemade Healthy Pumpkin Dog Treats for Hamburg School staff's furry friends. The students filled 23 orders for dog biscuits and delivered them. This was a successful project and we look forward to repeating it again in the near future. 🐕 ❤️  
Thank you :)

♥Drama Club has begun rehearsals for *Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr musical*. This year's cast is small, but mighty! Performances are March 31, 2022, and

# LOVE LETTERS

## Pre-K Triolo

### Love Letters...

♥Dear Momma,  
I love you because you play Monopoly with me. I like the dice!  
Love, Ryan (Ryan Brucato)

♥Dear Brendan,  
I love you because we play Go Fish together!  
Love, Justin (Justin Carroll)

♥Dear Efeme,  
I love you because you watch TV with me.  
Love, Efetobo (Efetobo Alakpa)

♥Dear Daddy,  
I love you because your hands are always warm!  
Love, Alivia (Alivia Hastrup)

♥Dear Daddy,  
I love you because you play with me and my Sparkle Smash Monster Truck!  
Love, Delaney (Delaney Bond)

♥Dear Nykole,  
I love you because you play LOL Dolls with me!  
Love, Penelope (Penelope Pensyl)

♥Dear Mommy,  
I love you so much (arms open wide) because I play the Simon game on the TV.  
Love, Natalie (Natalie Elmo)

♥Dear Family,  
I love my whole family. They are the best. My Mommy and Daddy are the best!  
Love, Andrianna (Andrianna Bonagura)


♥Dear Nan and Pop,  
I love you because you bring me and Rowan a sip of hot cocoa at the Juliette Playground!  
Love, Collette (Collette Baumgartner)

♥Dear Mommy and Daddy,


I love you because I get to watch  
Paw Patrol!

Love, Isaac (Isaac Rodriguez)

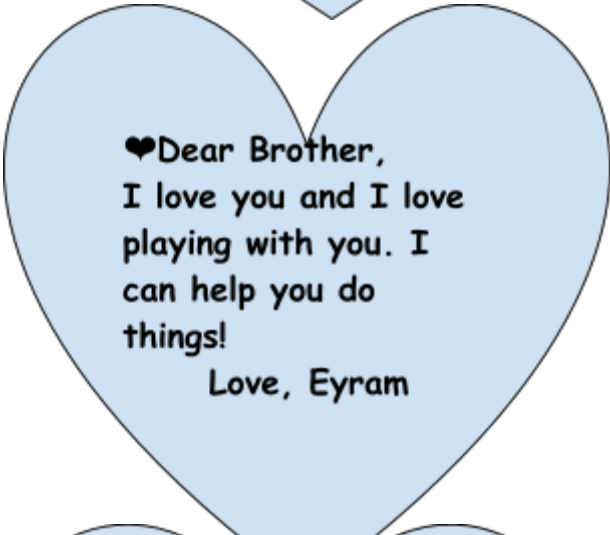
**Pre-K Freeswick**  
**Love Letters...**




♥Dear Mom, Dad, and  
Justin,  
I love you all and  
I miss you!  
Love, Brendan



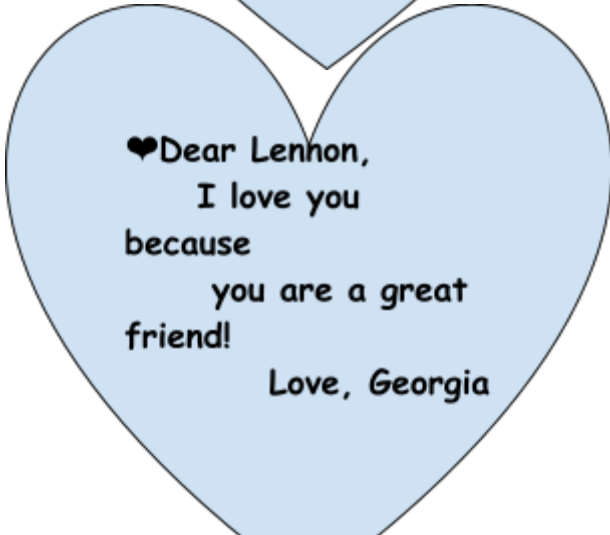
♥Dear Mom and Dad,  
I love you because you make me  
dinner.  
Love, Aria



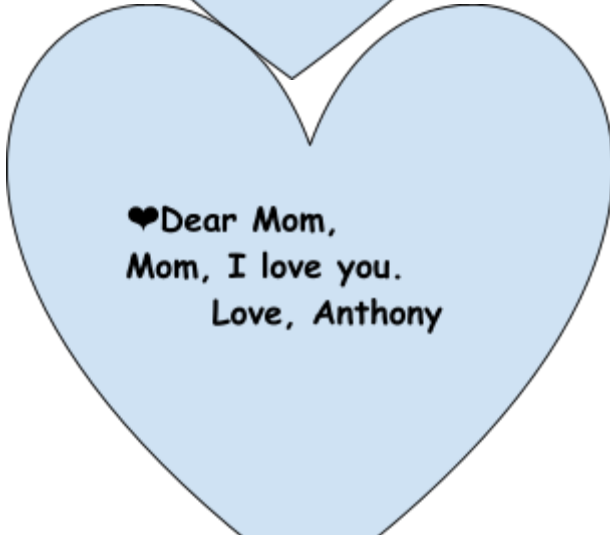
♥Dear Brother,  
I love you and I love  
playing with you. I  
can help you do  
things!  
Love, Eyram



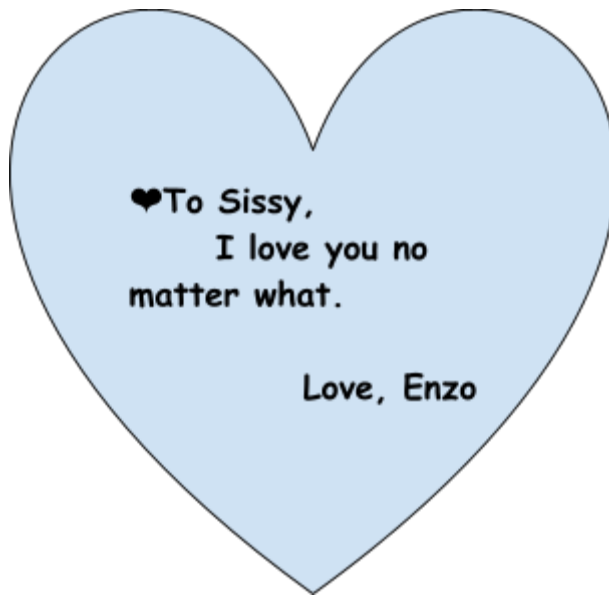
♥Dear Mom,  
I love you.  
Love, Destinee



♥Dear Lennon,  
I love you  
because  
you are a great  
friend!  
Love, Georgia



♥Dear Mom,  
Mom, I love you.  
Love, Anthony



## **3rd grade love letters:**

♥♥ My grandparents are really sweet.  
I love when we meet.  
I wish for you all love in your hearts. I hope we  
never are apart.  
**-Cornelia Cruz**

♥♥ Roses are red, violets are blue.  
I love Hamburg School.  
and maybe you do too?!  
**-Colton Brunda**

♥♥ I love my mommy and daddy. They are the world's  
best mom and dad. My whole entire life is better  
because of them. My sister, Ariana, and I like to play  
Roblox together. Silas is a great brother. I love Taylor  
even though she watches too much Tik Tok.  
**-Bryce Evans**

♥♥ Your heart is like art, and I want to put it in a cart.

So let's be smart, and not depart.  
**- Jayden Pettiford**

♥♥ Love means to me: my friends and family. I wish  
you love and kindness always. My sister is very  
special to me, I love her more everyday. I love my  
teachers, who are very special to me. My heart is  
happy to be so lucky for all the love shared with me.  
**-Jason Nostray**

♥♥ I love my brother.  
He is the best.  
He helps me and my mother.  
I like it when he lets me rest.  
**- Emily VanHorn**

♥♥ I love my baby cousin so,  
sometimes I tickle his toe.  
He means the world to me,

he only knows his ABCs.  
-Mia Barboza



♥♥ I love when my dad picks me up.  
He puts me over his shoulders at dismissal.  
My mom goes to her job.  
She makes the money for our food.  
- **Joseph Landrud**

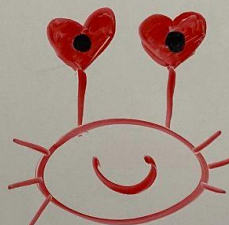
♥♥ Love is something that brings us together forever.  
You might not realize that love is there.  
If you just close your eyes and realize that no matter  
who is around you,  
there is love everywhere.  
-**Alchemy Marciano**

♥♥ Love makes me feel happy. I love my mom. She's  
proud of me when I get an A+. She tucks me in when  
I was sick. She plays Fortnite with me. I love my dad.  
He takes me to many fun places. He took me to  
Great Adventure, Hershey Park and bowling.  
-**Kayla Royce**





Love bug army



Love  
bug

The middle school LOVE-BUGS were spreading their love and fun throughout the school this month. They also worked with the younger grades (Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grades), honing their Haiku skills and writing some magical LOVE Haiku poems...

**I love my father.  
I love video games too.  
I love my mother.  
-Joshua**

***I love my mommy  
She gives me hugs and  
makeup  
She is really sweet!  
-Emery Boeren***

**I love my mother  
My mom cooks dinner for me  
My mother is nice.  
-Charlotte D'Angelo**

**Tackle football's fun  
It is fun to score touchdowns  
My brother plays, too.  
-LORENZO**



MY DAD IS SO COOL  
MY DAD THROWS ME IN THE AIR  
DAD THROWS ME A BALL.

- Jaxon Willey

I Love My Brother  
Teddy Makes Me So Happy  
Teddy Is So Cool!  
-Benny Tranes

*Kittens are Awesome.  
Feeding Kittens is really cool;  
Kittens are fluffy  
-Samantha*

I like Julian.  
I like going to his house;  
He has a cool room.  
-Fredrick Gunderman

I love the 8th grad  
They are so nice and friendly  
I love that I'm here!

-Juliette Davis

I love the rainbow.  
My favorite color is purple;  
I like white as well.

-Penelope Nostray

I love cheese pizza.  
Pizza has sauce and toppings;  
It has tasty crust.

-Jakob

*I love my family!  
I love my kitties because  
they are soft and cute.  
-Zoey Skellenger*



I like my mommy,  
Because she makes me cookies.  
My mom is pretty.

-Natalie Reddy

I love my mama!  
She gives me hugs all the time.  
She gives me kisses!

-Troy Scevola

I love my pet fish!  
I love his colors and name.  
I love feeding them!

-Rafaella Holliver

My brothers are cool!  
I love my dog Casper too.  
My mom is the best!

-Christopher Koltzan

*My dog is the best!  
I love petting my dog's back.  
I lik3 walking dogs.*

*-Austin Morton*

*I love my friends and  
I love my family too.  
I love my dogs too!*

*-Penny Camarco*

*I Love my pet fish  
My fish's name is black spot  
My fish likes to jump*

*- Adriana Galan-Sedlacik*

I love my mommy.  
We go to the zoo every time.  
like to play with toys.

-William Sena

*I LOVE MY MOMMY.  
I LIKE WHEN SHE SNUGGLES WITH ME.  
MY MOMMY IS COOL!*

**-Carsen Luedtke**

**My dogs are so cute  
I love PomPom and Anna  
Best dogs in the world!  
-Olivia Hinton**

My dog is fluffy.  
My dog is very sweet too.  
She is very fun.  
-Daenerys Michelsen

*I love my sister.  
She is so hilarious.  
She is the greatest!*  
-Lilyana Meola

**My friends are the best,  
My friends play with me a lot.  
They like me a lot.  
-Massimo Fioranelli**

**I love spring so much,  
The flowers are so pretty!  
I love the weather.  
-Efeme Alakpa**

**My mom is awesome!  
I like to play with my mom.  
My mommy loves me.  
- Jayden Ramos**

*I love my two dogs.  
My dogs always cheer me up.  
My dogs are the best!*  
-Mckenna Weite

Ice cream is yummy!  
The sprinkles are very good;  
It is delicious.

**-Ava Brown**

I love my mommy!  
I like when she plays with me;  
My mom is so cool.  
**-Herman Flood**

*I love cute puppies*  
*I want 100 puppies*  
*I reslly LOVE them.*  
**-Syalas Evans**

**I REALLY LIKE VIDEO GAMES!**  
**I BUILD HOUSES IN MINECRAFT!**  
**I HAVE FOUND DIAMONDS!**  
**-AIDEN GYULAI**

***I love my doggy.***  
***My dog is soft and furry.***  
***She is a cool dog***

**-Julius Delgado**

Love Playing Football.  
I love the Steelers so much!  
I Love T.J Watt.  
**-Bobby Pattella's**

**I LOVE MY PAPA**  
**HE TAKES ME TO LASER 1**  
**I LOVE HIM SO MUCH**  
**-KANE WALKER**

I love my parents.  
When they tuck me in it's cool!  
My parents are cool!

**-Lincoln Luedtke**

**I love my parents.  
My parents are super.  
My parents are cool.**

**-Nicholas Ramos**

**I LIKE KOALAS  
KOALAS ARE NICE AND CUTE  
KOALAS ARE COOL!**

**-ALEXIS HASTRUP**

**I love my father.  
He builds so many projects.  
My dad is so nice!**

**-Callie Sheridan**

**I LOVE MY MAMA!  
SHE TAKES VERY GOOD CARE OF ME!  
I LOVE HER SO MUCH.**

**-KANE WALKER**

**Dogs can protect you.  
Dogs can do a lot of tricks.**

**I love dogs so much!**

**-Reagan Pugliese**

**I love my mommy.  
She is funny and makes good food.  
She is the BEST MOM!**

**-Madyson Gavel**

**Kylie is so cute.  
I like her hair and her voice.  
Her sister is nice.  
-Michael Frangipane**

**I love Among Us!  
Being the imposter's nice.  
I play on XBox.**

**-Benjamin Nichols**

**I miss my brother.  
I love my brother so much!  
He was amazing.**

**-Andy Tranes**

**Nature is the best.  
The way the flowers all grow,  
Nature is pretty.**

**-Selena Haidar**

**Summer is the best.  
The beaches are super cool.  
I love the season!**

**-Rileigh Rossi**

**I love animals.  
Animals make me happy.  
Animals are cute.**

**-Riley Fagan**

**My cat is so cute.  
My cat's fur is super soft.  
I love her so much!**

**-Mia Damms**

***Ramen is the best!  
Its flavor is really good  
The noodles are soft.***

**- Gabriela Couto**



**I love animals!  
Animals are very cute,  
I love elephants!**

**-Anthony Johnson**

Gypsy is my dog.  
My dog is very friendly.  
My dad walks my dog.

-Ottavia Desino

**I love videos.**  
**I love to watch youtubers!**  
**I love TV shows.**

— Christian Pignataro

I LOVE MY MOM'S KISS!  
I LIKE TO BAKE WITH MY MOM.  
MY MOM IS PRETTY!

- **Christian Gambon**

I love my parents.  
My Mom and Dad are so nice;  
They make me happy.

-Abby VanEeuwen

Dancing is the best!  
I feel good when I'm dancing;  
Dance is like my home.

-Abby VanEeuwen

Roblox is awesome!  
I like the kits in bed wars.  
The updates are cool!

-Wyatt Frayko

*Love is like candy.*  
*Like a sweet jolly rancher.*  
*Airheads are yummy!*

*-Paris Brown*

*I love snowboarding*  
*I do tricks while snowboarding*  
*I snowboard with friends.*

-Jayden Limder

I love my bird a lot!  
I have a bird named Pablo.  
He is the best bird!  
-Olivia Cubby

I love Maggy Moo!  
My dog Maggy is so cute.  
She loves to snuggle!  
-Kaleigh Landrud

**I love my grandpa!**  
**He's very nice and funny.**  
**He makes awesome food!**  
**-Lilia Mansour**

**I love my best friends!**  
**They are kind everyday.**  
**My friends are the best!**  
**-Ava Desalvia**

I love my family!  
They help me with my homework.  
My family is cool!  
-Ava Desalvia



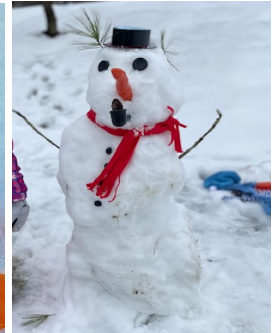
I love fall so much.  
The Weather is super nice.  
Fall makes me happy.  
-Alyssandra Pena

I love the springtime.  
I love the spring time so much!  
Springtime is so cool.  
-Jillian Ackerman

Spring is fun with friends.  
Spring weather is good to walk.  
Spring is warm and cold.  
  
-Kiera Nicolai

I love my mother,  
She brings me love and kindness,  
My mom is so nice!  
  
Ava Roopchand

*Moon*  
*The sun starts to' retreat*  
*In its wake the moon arises*  
*Time brings its defeat*  
-[Heather Brunke](#)





Sun  
Bright rays beam down at  
day  
Bringing us beauty and  
light  
Bold the sun may stay  
-[Heather Brunke](#)

I adore my dog!  
He is very cute and  
sweet.  
His name is Grady.  
-Luke Nathan

I like the winter.  
The snow is very pretty!  
I love the bright snow.  
-Ava Floris

Trees are girlbossing.  
Trees like to make air for smalls!  
Trees make good pencils.  
-Fabrizio Amado

I like my mother.  
She is a very pretty woman.  
She is so awesome!  
-Jasmine Simmons

I love animals!  
Animals are fun and cool.  
Animals are nice,  
-Taylor Davenport

***I Love my mother!***  
***My family is very special.***  
***But my mom means more!***  
-Zachary Neiper

Winter is so great.  
I love the snow everywhere!  
It is so pretty.  
-Sarah Conklin

I love the ocean.  
I like the color of it.  
The ocean is cool!

-Gia Floris

Just trees on the ground,  
And the whistling leaves around me.  
Nature is just great!  
-Ashton Wint

I love the winter!  
The rivers become icy.  
Leaves fall off of trees.

-Desiree Stiles-Perez

Ponds are relaxing.  
They have plants like  
green lily pads.  
Ponds are so pretty!

-Aoife Cashen



## SNOWMAN COMPETITION



**FIRST PLACE**

**AOIFE CASHEN**

“moment before death”



**second**

**place Riley Parris**

