I write to...

...think

...feel

...discover

...be heard
Dear Students and Families,

Within this anthology, you will find a widely varied collection of student writing. The students have selected an original piece of writing to share, providing them with an audience for their writing and therefore, a purpose. Having a purpose motivates writing, and publishing the students’ works makes the writing process more meaningful.

The students have worked with UNI teacher candidates with a focus in literacy education every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday over a period of ten weeks to learn more about reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The students have worked hard on their goals, and we are proud of their achievements. Each student’s piece in the anthology is just one of their many accomplishments. We hope students continue to use strategies for reading and writing to keep improving in their education and beyond. Both students and future educators have learned from this experience, and we appreciate the support we have received from you. The ancient adage is true that “it takes a village to raise a child,” and this program wouldn’t be possible without the participation of the students, their families, UNI students and staff, and the staff of North Cedar Elementary.

We hope you enjoy the anthology and that you read together often.

Thank you,

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A Fun Day At The Park

4/14/15

"Victoria!" Charles called, I jumped! I was excited because I knew I was going for a walk. When we got there I found a new friend to play with. I don't know what the dogs name is so I need a nickname for him; his nickname is Gus. When we first got there we were running around. Then we were playing on the bandstand with Charles and Smudge. Charles and I were upset we had to leave after a fun day.
Police Men and Robbers

A police man went to catch the robbers and put them in jail because they were robbing a bank. The police man made police men rides to catch the robbers. Then they made a police house. Then the police man got in the police man ride to catch the robbers that were on the rides too.
ABOUT THE CIVIL WAR

APRIL 12-13, 1861

I'M A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER. I FIGHT FOR THE SOUTH AND SLAVERY.

I'M A UNION SOLDIER. I FIGHT FOR THE NORTH AND AGAINST SLAVERY.

THE WAR STARTS AT FORT SUMTER.

JULY 1-3, 1863

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG LASTED 3 DAYS. THE CONFEDERACY LOST THE BATTLE. IT WAS THE GORIEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

APRIL 9, 1865

THE WAR ENDS. THE UNION WINS THE WAR. THE CONFEDERATE GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE SURREndERS.

Once upon a time there was a German Shepherd named Max. He was a SAR dog. That means search and rescue. His partner/trainer is Anderson. They were told that they were going on a mission!

Max and Anderson have to get ready for the mission. They have to get protective gear like vests, RPG’s, boots, and helmets. They also need to get to an island in the middle of the sea. Max and his trainer are going to get there on a fast jetski.

Once they get there they have to find the villain’s cave. First they get to the mountain and climb up the mountain. At last they find the villain and arrest him. Max and Anderson got paid $1,000,000 because he arrested the villain!

THE END!!
5th Grade

I went to P.E. to exercise when I saw a cat on a treadmill and also scratching people's ankles and making a big mess of everything. The cat was gray with black stripes and she was very playful. I looked at the cat and it had a pink collar that said Autumn and a phone number that says 319-246-9875. My P.E. teacher asked us if anyone knew who the cat belonged to and my friend, Grace, said that Autumn belonged to her! Grace knew it was her cat because of the eyes, the fur, and the collar. So she was able to go back home with Autumn and eat popcorn with her again.
How to Make a Marble Cake

Do you know how to make a marble cake? I've made it with my mom on her birthday. If you don't know what a marble cake is then keep reading this paragraph. A marble cake is a cake that has two different types of cake or two different types of food coloring.

There are a lot of materials you will need to make a marble cake. The materials you will need are 1 box of cake mix, 1 cup of water, \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup of oil, 3 eggs, and any color of food coloring you want. The materials you will need to mix up the ingredients include a large bowl, a mixer, a cake pan, and an oven that you will need to preheat to 350° F. These are all of the materials and ingredients you will need to make a marble cake.

Now you're ready to start making a marble cake, and these are the steps you will need to follow. First you have to pour the cake mix into your large mixing bowl. Next pour in 1 cup of water, \( \frac{1}{2} \) cup of oil, and 3 eggs. Make sure you don't get egg shells in the batter! Then use a mixer to mix up the ingredients. This will take about two minutes to make sure the batter is not bumpy. After mixing, take out about 1\( \frac{1}{2} \) to 2 cups of the batter and put it in a smaller bowl. Then spray your pan and pour the rest of the batter into the pan. Next, take the batter you set aside and pick out the color you want it to be. You add the number of drops of food coloring until the batter is the color you want it to be. Afterwards, drop the colored batter randomly in the cake pan. Next, take a table knife and spread the color batter into a pattern that you like. In the end, you place your cake pan into the preheated oven for about 30 minutes. You should follow the baking directions given on the cake box. After the cake is finished baking, let it cool down. Now you can cut your marble cake and enjoy it with your family and friends!
Diary Writing

Dear Diary,

I got a new dog. I named her Roxy. She loved Ava so much. But the bad part was it was the day before school. Every day Roxy jumped on Ava’s bed and looked out of the window. Then she heard something and boom! Crash! Capow! She jumped off the bed. There was Ava standing at home. Ava kneeled down and the doc licked her with her slimy tongue. Then Roxy had to have a bath. She crawled under Ava’s bed. Then Ava had to get her dad to get Roxy out from under her bed. But Roxy climbed in the hot tub instead. So I decided to join her. We had some juice and some popsicles. Then Roxy went to the fun pool and Roxy waited for Ava to get out of the hot tub and Roxy pushed Ava in to the fun pool. Ava was freezing so, so, so cold. Then Ava’s grandma and grandpa went to Ava’s house and they brought their dogs Ally and Zoey. So grandma and grandpa all had dinner outside and the dogs did too.
Doggy Poem

I have a Weimaraner,
Miss Holton has a Yorkie-poodle.
My dog is a Weimaraner and she sure can fly-maraner!
Miss Holton’s Yorkie-poodle loves linguine noodles!
My dog’s name is Roxy Foxy,
Miss Holton’s dog is Sophie Mophie.
One is a smally,
And the other is a biggie.

My dog is grayie,
Miss Holton’s dog is blacky.
My dog has a big wig,
Sophie has a small ball!
My dog is lazy, but she still is my little baby.
Miss Holton’s dog is AMAZING.

The End.
A Poem for Two Voices

**Summer**
- wind
- swooshing
- birds
- chirping
- flowers swaying
- in the wind
- popsicles dripping
- down my stick
- skin tingles
- sun burns
- on my arms

**Whew!**

**Winter**
- wind
- howling
- birds
- hiding
- icicles forming
- up my nose
- cocoa scalding
- down my throat
- skin tingles
- goosebumps
- on my arms

**Brrrr!**
The T-Rex Fantasy

John used a time machine to travel back in time to the Cretaceous period when the Tyrannosaurus Rex was alive. He fed it too many spicy chicken wings and it died. A Titanoboa wrapped its body around the time machine and broke it. John rebuilt it and he went back home to Cedar Falls, Iowa.
All about the Kingdom
By: 2nd Grade

Once upon a time in a far away kingdom, there lived a unicorn named Fiona. Fiona dashed out of the castle because a dragon named Meanie was chasing her. The king came to save the princess. He rushed in with an army of 500 men in order to capture Meanie. The king won the game, it was a battle. After he won he decided to take Fiona out for dinner. The princess was happy again.

She was so sunny that she paid the king Julian with silver coins. He took the coins and bought a toy unicorn for the princess. The king brought the toy up to the princess. The princess was the happiest of all because she had always wanted a toy unicorn.

The next day she laid her toy down to dance. She was dancing at the ball that she put on for the king because she wanted to thank him again. “I love you daddy,” said the princess.

The king said, “I love you, too, princess.” After the ball we will have dinner.

While at dinner, the long lost queen Annalise came back from the forest. The queen said, “I missed you.”

The princess and the king said together, “We missed you too!”

“What happened in the forest?” asked the king.

“I was walking to the Angel Kingdom to give a present and got lost. Two of the palace guards found me,” said the queen, “They brought me back home. I am so happy to see you again!”

The king was so joyous that he chose to invite the kingdom to a ball. At the party the princess tried to find her prince. She found him and they danced through the night. They all lived happily ever after.

The End
A Fairy Lost in the Forest

There was a fairy named Strawberry, and her hair was red and sweet. She had a dog named Shortcake. They are lost in the woods, because people chased them. They found dinosaur eggs that all hatched, and they were afraid of them. Then, a girl, named Blueberry, came out of the bushes to help them. Blueberry said, "DO NOT STEP ON THE ROCKS, because a creepy shark will eat you!" "What did you say?" said Strawberry. And then she saw an elephant with butterfly wings that didn’t get eaten by the shark! "What is that?" said Strawberry.

Afterwards, Strawberry saw a little man with a camera in the woods. He had stepped on the rocks and the shark ate him. "I believe you now, don’t hurt me!" Said Strawberry. Then, another girl popped out. Her name was Spider.

"Who are you?" said Strawberry. "I’m a spider! What is your name?" "My name is Strawberry, and my dog is Shortcake, and my friend is Blueberry!" said Strawberry. "Can you help us get out of the forest without getting eaten by the shark?" said Strawberry. "Of course!" said the spider. "Ok, then get us out of here! NOW!" said Strawberry. "All you have to do is step on the ground, NOT the rocks and you will reach the end of the forest" said spider.

Then, Strawberry and her dog Shortcake found their way out of the forest. No one chased them back into the forest ever again. Everyone was happy that they were back and safe, especially Strawberry’s mom and dad.

The End!
Superlicious Nutella Sandwich

Do you have Nutella and bread at your house? If you do, then you can make a Nutella sandwich. They taste really good. It has a chocolatey taste.

In order to make a Nutella sandwich, you will need: Two slices of bread, a knife, and Nutella, of course! Now you can make the Nutella sandwich. First, you get the bread and Nutella. Second, you take a knife and spread the Nutella on the bread together.

Now you know how to make an easy snack next time you want one.
Spike’s Backstory

Hi! I am Spike. You would never expect it, but I am a turtle. I am here to tell you my back story. I was born in the river. It was nice and hilly, and the river flowed through the hills. I lived with my family. My mom’s name is Angle, and my dad’s name is King. I also have three brothers and two sisters. My oldest brother’s name is Ash. My two youngest brothers’ names are Rocket and Bucky. My two youngest sisters’ are Flora and Blossom.

So when I was on a trip with my family, we were on a log, and I fell off. I got stuck on a wire. It was not electric, but when I got stuck, I was so scared. Then I used my beak and cut loose. When I was eating a fish, I almost got eaten by a snake. When I was in the snake’s mouth, I cut his tongue open with my claw. Then the snake died. Someone found me and put me in the store. I was scared in that dark box. They opened me up and put me in a tank. Then, and just then, I saw my family again! I was so happy!

Then the next day, we were not adopted. Then the days turned into weeks, and the weeks turned into months. Then when we were on our basking rock, someone adopted us. When we got adopted, it was awesome! There were fish we could eat and a floating basking rock, just like our log when we lived in the river.

Now we are adults. We got so big, so our owners dug up a pound in the backyard. It is really deep and hot, and when it is winter or rainy and cold nights, we get put in a bucket. When we get bigger, they will put bigger fish in the pound that we can eat. Now we are happier than ever.
All About Stars

A star is pretty because it is gold. I love stars. Stars are in the sky. Stars are bright. Stars come out at night.
Football Fanatic

Football is a sport that you get exercise by running, catching, throwing, and having fun with friends. I love football because it's so enjoyable to play, and my friends love football too! I think that everyone should play football because it is great for your health. It is also a time for kids to have fun with friends and play. Last year I played flag football, and I had a blast because I knew some friends on my team. I am eager to play football this summer! If you don't play football, you should give it a try. I started football with some friends, and they taught me the rules and guidelines. Now I am playing football every summer. My dream is to play college football for UNI. Someday I hope I will be in the NFL. There are always challenges to do all that but it's worth the shot.
The Crazy Golf Day

Keadyn and his friends Isaac, and Camden were playing golf on a bright sunny day. They were having a good time playing until the golf cart made a sudden stop. Then they tried to see what was wrong and they looked under the golf cart. They didn't know what they were looking for so they ended up walking to each hole. As they were dripping in sweat, a person came up and asked them if they needed a ride. They said yes we would for sure take a ride! So they were playing and Isaac hit the golf ball high in the air and they didn't know where it went. Then they heard a big splash so they knew it was in the pond! When they tried to get it out with a big stick Keadyn stumbled in the pond. So Isaac and Camden pulled him out with all their strength. So they talked about their crazy day while Keadyn had dried off and they all drove home.
Main Ideas Story

I have a pet dog I took her to the library and she sneezed, "ah chewwwwwwwwwwwwwwwww." Then she ran away. We passed a book sale. I saw one with a red hard cover I looked through it. It had crisp pages. The dog pulled me all the way home. I am imagining that I told her a story. She was gone in a blast. She ran in and I found some treats they sold them to me for free. She ran off and hid. I don't know where she is... I found her hiding behind a trash can and her friends were there with her sleeping. I said sweet dreams. To be continued...

Main Idea From My Pet Book

Pet
Sneezy
Run away
Books for sale
Red hardcover book
Crisp pages
No baths, tricks, or sounds
Imagination
Stories
Gone
Crying
Thrift store
Sold
Hiding
Found
Friends
Dreams
THE STREET RACE

John worked at a car shop, he fixed cars. Him and his friends that work with him are practicing for a street race. But, before they practice they have to fix a car. The car is a Mustang, the guy who owns the car said he would give them each a billion dollars when they were done with the car. They said they could buy a car for the race. They took out the engine and took it apart and made a new engine that made it go even faster than it did before. When they were done they painted it silver with blue stripes down the middle.

Two days later, the guy came back and paid all of them and took the car. They took a van to a car store and looked at all the cars and they asked how fast they could go. John got a car that can go 700 miles per hour, so did all his friends. They said, “Let’s test these cars out!”

One day till the race they practiced all day and night and they took naps.

In the morning they started to drive to the race. They had to drive for one hour to get there. They got in there place for the street race and started the engine and 3, 2, 1 GO! They all started out fast. John was already at 500 miles per hour, but he was in third place. Later all the cars had to get gas and they got some food and a drink. John got in the car first and he past one of his friends in first place. He was almost at full speed and he made it past the short train. The other cars had to wait a minute.

The cops came and started to chase them. The cops set traps and they had a helicopter. The person in last place got taken out by a cop. So did the 10th place person, so there’s only 9 people left in the race. John was still in first place. There was 5 miles left, there were 3 cars left. A cop came and hit the 3rd car and it started on fire. The cop got out and got the drive out of the car. John almost hit a tree and the guy behind him hit John’s car on the side. John hit him into a tree and the guy’s car could still run. There was two miles left. John hit the guy and the guy hit a truck and he was out of the race for good. John won the race! John’s prize was that he got to keep all of the cars in the race. He would fix them up and sell the ones he didn’t want to keep for himself.
Under Attack

One day a little girl saw a magic wand. She picked it up and said, "Abracadabra!" There was a postcard! It said...

Dear Leo,

We are under attack by a dragon!

Sincerely,

Mom and Dad

Leo said, "Oh no! I have to save Mom and Dad!"
4-6-15

To: Mom and Dad,

Hey mom and dad,

I would like Cabela's big game Hunter 2010! I would like it because it's so fun and I like the hunts!

Love,
Ja'Maxyn Saves the Day

Once upon a time there was a pirate ship in an ice cream ocean. All the pirates were eating the ice cream and when it was night they slept in their rooms. In the morning, they all ate ice cream out of the ice cream ocean. When they fell into the ice cream ocean, they fell in mint ice cream. Some of the crew swam to shore but Captain Hook stayed. Ja'Maxyn was sinking somewhere else, but he doesn't fall all the way down. He swims up and he goes to the broken ship and tries to fix it. When he was trying to fix the ship, he helped a hammerhead shark and it helped them. He went and got them back to shore. Everybody at shore started to build a little cabin with food and water. And for breakfast they had ice cream and for lunch they had chicken, macaroni and cheese and for dinner they had fruit, chicken, macaroni and cheese and for dessert they had ice cream with brownies.
All About Me

My immediate family started in 1998 when my parents met. My mom has eight siblings and my dad is the only child. I have about thirty cousins. When we have family reunions my cousins all get along so we all hang out.

My immediate family includes my mom Lisa, my dad Stephen, my sister Kaytlyn, my brother Jaxyn, my baby brother Ciarán, my stepmom Michelle and my stepsister Alexisandria. Kaytlyn is almost fourteen, Jaxyn is eight, Alexisandria is eleven and Ciarán is one. I like making arts and crafts with my siblings. I also like to ride bikes with them too.

My mom has eight siblings their names are: Doug, Angie, Steve, Darren, Stacy, Scott, Stewart, and Derek. My favorite thing to do with my aunts and uncles is to shop because they have good taste and they get me awesome gifts. My paternal grandparents Grandma Kay Orsborn and Grandpa Stephen Orsborn died before I was born. I wish I got to meet them but they both had heart problems and died in their sleep. My mom’s parents are my grandma Lynda Jean Grapp and my grandpa Darrell Rudolph “Rudy” Grapp, and we have lots of memories. Ever since I was a born my Grandma had heart problems and that’s what cause her death on Saturday, February 16th, 2013 at 1:26 a.m. One of my memories with her is working in my workbooks, and it was fun!

I have a lot of cousins, thirty of them! We are so spread out we don’t get to see each other as much as I wish. A fun fact is that we are spread out in different states, including: Michigan, Texas, Florida, and Tennessee. I like to swim, play sports, shop, and do lots of fun things with them.

Family is so important to me because I think it’s awesome to spend quality time with your loved ones. It’s good to have supporters that are older than you in life. I’m lucky I have a big family to spend time with and love.
How To Make a Chocolate Cake

Ingredients and Utensils

Mix
Butter
Bowl
½ cup oil
1 cup of milk
Hand mixer
Oven
Frosting
2 eggs
2 tablespoons of baking soda
2 cups of sugar
2 teaspoons of vanilla
1 cup of boiling water
1 ½ teaspoon of baking powder
1 teaspoon of salt
1 cup of cocoa
1 ¾ cup of flour

Steps

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Then grease and flour the pan. Next get a bowl. Then add 2 cups of sugar, 1 cup of cocoa, 1 ½ teaspoon of baking powder and 2 tablespoons of baking soda. Last but not least 2 eggs, 1 cup of milk, and 1 ¾ cup of flour. If you want to, you can have 1 cup of boiling water so it makes it easier to stir. Then mix it with the mixer for 2 minutes. Since you did that put it in a square shaped pan then put it in the oven. Cook it for 30 or 35 minutes. You will know if it's done if you put a toothpick in and nothing is on it. Last but not least put the frosting on! If you want to decorate the cake you can get sprinkles.
Mario Kart 8: Star Cup

One fine cold December, Mario was eating ham sticks. “Oh my god, I’m still hungry. PEACH!!! Will you get me some oatmeal?”
“A, I think you had a-nuff,” said Peach.
“NO!!! I beg you.”
“You had 34 of my famous ham sticks. I’m trying to save some for Daisey” muffled Peach.
“Oh I’m sorry” Mario said.

Then 22 minutes later Lakitu called, due, due, due, do the Mario Cart. “A okey, Mario, we’re gonna try and race for the Star Cup.”

5 minutes later Yoshi came jumping into the castle. “Oh I always wanted to have the Star Cup.”

5 days later, welcome to the first race of the Star Cup, Sunshine Airport. The race has started, Yoshi blasted off in first place. 5 minutes later, Yoshi won the race.

Welcome to the 2nd race Dolphin Shores. “1...2...3... go!!!!” Peach is in first place. “Bye bye,” said Mario zooming past Peach. 6 minutes later Peach won the race, but Yoshi stays up in the standings with Peach.

Welcome to the 3rd race “the Eleterdome.” 5 minutes later Peach won the race. Peach moves up by 7 in the standings with Mario in 2nd place.

“Welcome to the final race, Mont Wario.” 12 minutes later, Mario won the race. Peach wins the Star Cup. Peach had 61, Mario had 52, and Yoshi had 50.

THE END
The Missing iPad

Hi I am Piggy. I am a cow. I just learned how to dance. I was at a sandy beach a little while ago next to two oceans trying to find my iPad so I could play my music to dance. I went to all these crazy places to look for my iPad. I went to a building, island, gift shop, salon, and a juice bar, looking for my iPad. Then I went back to the sandy beach. One place I didn’t look is under my towel. So I looked under it, and I yelled, “I found it!” So I started dancing.

The End
Moon, the Seal

My name is Moon, and I am a seal.
I am the orcas’ food, and that is the deal.

The killer whales are coming after my family and me.
I will distract the killer whales while I tell my family to flee.

They are tipping the slippery ice over, but I am still hanging on.

The orcas’ echolocation sounds like an eerie song.

They have fifty sharp teeth that can bite me in two,
so if they want to survive, that’s what they have to do.

Their team is coming to get me to slide me in their enormous jaws.
I am tipped upward, and the blue sky was the last thing I saw.
The Friends

Freddy and his parents decided to go on vacation. They went to the jungle. They crashed into a big rock! The captain said, “Everybody remain calm, and put on your life jackets!” in a stern voice. So that’s what they did. Then the captain said, “Get ready to jump off the ship!” in another stern voice. The passengers jumped of the ship, but the Captain got hurt. Finally, they got to the shore. The parents looked for water and the kids looked for food. Then, Freddy got lost in the jungle because he didn’t know which way to go. He found food, but it was too high to reach! THUMP WHUMP THUMP WHUMP! “What was that?” thought Freddy. “Should I hide, no I should fight.” “Oh no! It’s getting closer to me!” Then, came an elephant named Elie. “Hi, do you want to be my friend,” said Freddy. “Sure, do you need help?” asked Elie. “Yeah!” said Freddy. “Climb on my trunk,” said Elie. “Thanks!” said Freddy. Then, a monkey named George came. “Do you need help finding you parents?” said George. “Yes!” said Freddy. “Run to the river, that’s where the people are!” explained George. So he ran there and told his parents everything.

The End
Corin’s First day

One day Jack was very nervous because there was a new student coming tomorrow. He was wondering if he and Corin had some stuff in common or what Corin liked. Jack stayed up all night wondering what Corin was like. The next day when he arrived at his class Corin was not there yet, so he put away his stuff and got to work. Jack loved new students. When Corin got to school he sat down.

The day before, Corin poked his head in the door and the teacher told him that he sat by Jack. Jack was happy that he was sitting by Corin. At lunch Jack and his friends sat by Corin. Corin was very nice and he liked this school better than his old school. He was happy!

The End
How to Go Camping

Step 1: Go to a store and buy---->
- Tent
- Grill
- Sleeping bag
- Bug spray
- Food
- Lawn chairs
- Games
- Fire wood/matches

Step 2: Pack everything up and head to a camp ground area.

Step 3: Set up tent and place all sleeping gear inside.

Step 4: Put four logs into the fire pit and throw a match in and make sure it starts. (adult’s job)

Step 5: Cook your favorite food and play different games that you enjoy together.

Step 6: Put out the fire before you go to bed.

Step 7: Be safe and enjoy the time with your family and friends!
Dinosaurs
Dinosaurs,
Dinosaurs,
Dinosaurs,
Triceratops Dinosaurs,
Spinosaurus Dinosaurs,
Big tall scary Dinosaurs,
Small brain Dinosaurs,
Those are just a few.

Velociraptor Dinosaurs,
T-rex Dinosaurs,
Tiny dog like Dinosaurs,
Spiny lizard Dinosaurs,
Small Dinosaurs too.

Compsognathus Dinosaurs
Swimming Dinosaurs,
Don't forget large Dinosaurs,
Last of all, best of all,
I like Spinosaurus Dinosaurs.
Forest Friends

Hi my name is Princess and this is my journey. At first it was just me and my owner Mandy. Mandy's last name is Jo so that means that my name is Princess Jo, how stupid does that sound?

Mandy has always babyed me and I am a dog and that is 11 years old. 11 years old in dog years is 60 years of age. She puts bonnets and diapers on me and I just got tired of it. So I tore off my bonnet and ripped off my diaper, and ran away. I started off at West Tina Avenue! I knew where I was going because of all the walks Mandy has taken me on. Well you know, until our stopping point. Our stopping point is at the end of West Tina Avenue. Then I got scared, my tail went automatically in between my legs, but I am a fighter and I mean that literally. Before Mandy adopted me I was a stray, and I had to fight for food. So I took my tail out from in between my legs, and kept walking.

Along the way I met a Frog named Ivey. When my path was blocked with rocks, I got on Ivey’s back and she jumped over the blockage. After that Ivey left for a family reunion.

I kept going and after awhile I came across a dirt hill, but I met a fish named Ozi. He got the dirt wet for me so all I had to do was slide down the mud slide. I kept walking and a snake came across my path (I HATE snakes). I met a bird named Oak. I hung on Oak’s feet while she flew me over the snake. Oak stayed with me, I don’t know why, all the others just left after they helped me.

I stopped to take a drink at the nearest stream. I noticed Ozi swimming towards me in a rush. He came to warn me of something. A bulldozer was coming my way. A cat rushed in front of me, she was sent by Ivey. I hopped... (get it, she got sent by a frog), I hopped on the cat’s back and she climbed up a tree just in time. I asked her name while we were climbing. She said her name was Kip. When we got to the top of the tree, Oak flew me over the forest. As we kept going I thought of how loyal the forest strangers have been to me. I am very thankful for them!

I then saw two girls playing in the forest, so I try to hurry up because I don’t want to have the diapers and bonnets happen all over again. The two girls brought me to their mom, her name is Sadie. Their house is amazing! It’s like a mansion. The people in the mansion were also amazing. They give me meals and here is the great part, they put me on the couch and leave me ALONE! They turn on the T.V., light the fireplace, and guess what...they even gave me a new name! They named me Tidey Sper.

You might be wondering about Oak. Oak spends her days on the chimney. Every morning when she lays her eggs, she cooks them over the chimney, flips them down, and I am ready for breakfast...Life is good!
My Dog Tempo

My dog’s name is Tempo. I like to pet my dog. I like to run with my dog. I like to lay with my dog.

I love my dog!