Learning, Living, Laughing:

Voices of Young Authors
from North Cedar Elementary School

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Billy!!!

Billy is a fat and soft chair. He did not want to get sat on. Billy was on a mountain when Daguy found Billy and tried to sit on him. Daguy sat on Billy because it was cold. The duck was sleeping and then he woke up and was hungry so he wanted to eat Daguy because he could not eat the chair. The duck is so big that he scared Billy. He fell into the sled. Billy started to fall off a mountain. When he hit a bump he started to roll off the cliff. When he got to the bottom of the cliff somebody found Billy and took him to a school because he was a teacher's chair!!!
The Day Our Papers Disappeared

Elizabeth and I were outside sitting against the wall reading a book. It was cold and windy outside. We decided it would be fun to make a book. We went inside to get our supplies so we could make it. We decided that we need markers, tape, staplers, and a tissue box. We took them outside so we could get started before recess ended. We started to make our books and suddenly the wind picked up and blew our papers away! "What are we going to do?" exclaimed Elizabeth. We ran after them. Elizabeth and I ended up catching our pages and made our book.

The End
Family Weekend

One day I was hanging out with my family at my cousin’s house. We talked and played some games. The games we played were Yahtzee, Shut Your Mouth Challenge, and Pie in the Face. I got hit in the face so many times with whipped cream I decided to eat it off my face. I even used two of my fingers to pretend I was shaving my face. Then we just chilled on the couch for a couple minutes. My three cousins, Anika, Addison, and JoAnna, and I painted our nails. We had lots of fun with it. I put glitter on my nails, Anika put little stars, Addison put designs like stripes, and JoAnna put designs on as well. I had a lot of fun hanging out with my family for the weekend!
The Robber

Everyone SCREAMED, while the robber robbed the bank! The police drove quickly to the bank to catch the robber. When he got there the people were saying "HELP!" The robber broke the cash register to get the key. "OH NO!", the police thought, he is going to brake into the safe. The policeman saw that all the people were tied up. For some reason the policeman saw his lunch hopping, getting ready to hit the robber. The carrot hopped out of his lunch and hit the robber in the back. Then the key got knocked out of his hands. The policeman hurried inside. Five minutes later, his horse came running into the bank and hit the robber in the leg with his hove. THE ROBBERS FOOT FELL OFF! The robber screamed and the horse caught the key in its mouth and swallowed it. Meanwhile, the horse sees a tasty carrot on the ground and the key flew out because he was running to the carrot. Then, the policeman caught the key. Sadly, the carrot got eaten by the horse.

R.I.P carrot.

The END
Spaghetti Man

Once upon a time there was a man made of spaghetti. He was a spaghetti wizard. He shot spaghetti out of his wand that was made of spaghetti. He was the most powerful person on earth. He has a mansion made of spaghetti and his house is located on the loneliest mountain on earth. It was in the middle of a roundabout and it was the hottest place on earth. Someone told him about a treasure in his cave. The whole cave was made of spaghetti! All you could see is noodles, red tomato sauce, and hamburger. It smells like meat and tomatoes. He reached to touch the wall, it felt warm, stringy, and soft. He gripped it and put it into his mouth. It tasted like noodles, tomatoes, and hamburger. It tastes good to him. His spaghetti senses tingled, and he saw a chest made of spaghetti through his mind. A chest appeared in front of him. He checked it. It had gold spaghetti coin. So, he ate then all and became fatter and he goes home fat. Then he lays down and sleeps he dreams about defeating a spaghetti-bot.

THE END
Pinky the Monkey

The monkey has an adorable face. Pinky has black eyes that shine. Her furry is soft and fluffy. Pinky has a cute red ribbon on her neck. Her fur is hot pink and her hands and feet are white. Pinky loves delicious bananas. She loves to play with her long furry tail. Pinky loves to be goofy everywhere by jumping around. Pinky likes to hang on tree branches. Pinky has a pink nose and a pink smile.
I like eating ice cream because it is creamy.

I have the best mom ever and she is the most athletic, pretty, and smart person I know.

I am in 6th grade and I am cheerful, confident, and love being with my friends.

I played basketball and track and dance. I always go swimming.

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I was born in Arizona, now I live in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

I am always clumsy, for example, I always fall down.
Scary Sleepover

It was the beginning of summer and Mary, Trent, Jake, Maddy, my sister, Sara, and I were having a sleepover. Trent was a jokester playing jokes, but he took it a little too far. We thought he knew the person at the door, but he didn’t, so we hid, but not good enough the first time. Then, we rushed up to the attic and we were safe there.

“I know there’s a light up here somewhere,” I said while shuffling around. Tink. The light came and almost blinded me. It was so bright!

“What’s this?” Jake asked, pointing at a box in the corner.

“I don’t know,” I said, looking at the box marked *Old Softball Things*. I opened it and the first thing I saw was a picture of my mom holding a softball. “Oh. I didn’t know she played softball.”

“Really?” Sara asked. “She talks about it all the time!”

“Well I guess I don’t listen that well!” I argued.

“Guys,” Jake said, “this isn’t the best time.”

“Yeah. There’s still a creepy guy downstairs,” Maddy agreed.

“Could you use that?” Trent asked, pointing to a bat in the box.

“Obviously,” I said, rolling my eyes.

“I mean can you use it to scare the creepy guy?” Trent said like he was getting angry.

“Like, you’re an inventor so could you make something with it?”

“If I can’t, I’ll just throw it,” I shrugged.

“Then do it!” Maddy shouted.

“Shhhhhhhhhhh,” I whispered. “He could’ve heard you, genius.”

“Well look who’s talking: an actual genius,” Maddy replied, snarkily.

I opened the hatch to the attic carefully. I walked down the stairs and threw the bat loudly to try to scare him away. Before I could make it back up the STEEP spiral stairs, he saw me!!
The Wolf and the Three Little Pigs

The Three Little Pigs were at their house, and the middle pig was making porridge. While it was cooling down, they took a walk in their neighborhood.

The Big Bad Wolf was taking a walk and saw the Three Little Pig's house. He went inside the house, because he thought it was his friend's house. He saw the biggest pig's chair and sat in it, but it was too big, so he went to the middle pig's chair. It was just right, but he wanted to try the littlest pig's chair. He was too big and the chair broke! Oh no!

He went to see if he could find glue. It took him 10 minutes to find it. When he was gluing it back together, he wrote Big Bad Wolf on the chair. He went out as fast as he could, and he went home.

When the pig family got back, the chair had broke, and the Big Bad Wolf did not realize that it broke again. The pigs found it and read Big Bad Wolf on the chair in glue, and they called the cops. The cops found the Big Bad wolf and arrested him for breaking into the pig's house.

The End
One day three kids walked to a park and found a dinosaur with a bag in its mouth. It was raining. Carlos, Annie, and Mace found a bag. Carlos opened the bag. There were all different colors of chalk in the bag. Annie looked at the yellow chalk and she colored a bright sun. The sun that Annie drew came to life and Annie, Carlos, and Mace were blind. The sun was shining at Mace, Carlos, and Annie. The clouds moved away. They were all smiling. Mace looked at the orange chalk and drew some butterflies on the ground. The butterflies that Annie drew came to life. Annie and Mace swung their arms up because they were happy the butterflies were alive. Carlos found a green chalk and drew a green dinosaur. The dinosaur began to come alive and they were all scared. Annie covered her eyes. The green big dinosaur was chasing the kids. They tried running away. They ran to the park and climbed the equipment. The dinosaur found Carlos and got up in his face. Carlos, Annie, and Mace all screamed. The kids hid in the slide. The dinosaur tipped his head and looked at the kids. Carlos drew a cloud with rain in the blue slide. The rain came from the sky. The dinosaur was angry and he had a curvy tail. Annie was hiding and she watched the dinosaur melt from the rain. The kids looked at green leftovers from the melted dinosaur. They put the chalk back and walked away in the rain.
Jackie Robinson

I am Jackie Robinson. I am 38 years old. I like to play baseball, I play for the L.A. Dodgers in the MLB. MLB means Major League Baseball. The MLB is for professional baseball players. I am nice. My family is nice and they all play baseball.
**All About Me Poem**

Roses are red,
I like my bed,
I like my dad,
I hate to be mad,
I love my mom the best,
I hate my mess,
My pets are cool,
I love to go to The Falls, so we can swim in pools!
Harry's Weather Forecast

Welcome to the weather forecast. We will be talking about the flood that might happen in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area. We are going to start the day with a partly cloudy sky. Around noon you will start to experience some drizzly conditions. In the afternoon and in the evening it will be 45 degrees with thunderstorms. It looks like there will be huge thunderstorms throughout the day tomorrow. Also, tomorrow will be the start of our severe thunderstorms and you might start to experience some flooding.

Since we might be experiencing some flooding tomorrow I have some advice for the public:

Here are some things to bring:

- First aid kit
- Flash lights
- Extra battery
- Clothing
- Money
- Clean drinking water

You can be prepared to evacuate by:

- Communicate with friends and family about were you can stay
- Have a specific route and if that back fires have another route in mind
- Have a place to take your animals
Dear Mom,

I really want a pet black mamba named Stormy Night and this is why you should let me get that snake.

1. I want to learn more about snakes
2. It is the second longest venomous snake in the world
3. They can lay 100 eggs
4. I need a friend that will listen to me
Once upon a time the Wildcats were celebrating by playing crossword puzzles. They were celebrating the NCAA championship.

They took a break, some of them were hungry so they decided to get Pita Pit.

When they got back from Pita Pit, Jalen Brunson yelled, "FOOD FIGHT!" Then everybody started throwing food at each other. Then Jalen Brunson hurt his knee on the table. It was broke! When he got back from the hospital he found out that someone had won the crossword puzzle game, and he got mad. Then the coach said that they could play another one because Jalen was hurt. The Pita Pit was blazin'!
Hello everyone and welcome to All About Rob Gronkowski, I am. Rob Gronkowski is 6 feet 6 inches tall and 265 pounds. Rob Gronkowski was a second round pick by the New England Patriots, he is a tight end. He was born on May 14th, 1989. Rob Gronkowski makes $15 grand or $15 million. Rob Gronkowski’s nickname is Gronk. Gronk has a drink named Gronk, it is made by Coca-Cola. Rob Gronkowski went to college in Arizona to be a football player. Gronk is from New York. Rob Gronkowski likes to act during his free time. Rob Gronkowski got AFC offensive player of the week. That is the end of All About Rob Gronkowski. Thanks for watching!
spent his time planning a party!

He was able to choose where, when, and what he wanted to do at his event. Above is the final copy of an invitation he was able to give to a UNI teacher to invite her to Chuck E. Cheese for his party.
How To Make Scrambled Eggs

Materials:
Pan    Butter
Eggs   Cheese
Fork   Bowl
Stove  Spatula

Making eggs is very easy. There is only a few steps and a couple materials. I'm going to teach you how to make eggs.

1. First, you need to get all your materials to make your eggs.
2. Second, get a pan and turn the stove on low and add butter to your pan.
3. Third, crack your eggs in a separate bowl. Make sure there is no shells in the eggs. Then stir your eggs.
4. Forth, you need to put your eggs in your pan.
5. Fifth, you need to put your cheese in your pan with your eggs.
6. Sixth, you should wait a few seconds then check on your eggs.
7. Seventh, you should check on the sides and make sure they are all done. If they are, put them in bowls and stir.

I told you that making eggs was easy and only takes a few steps. I hope you like them!
War Birds

One Monday morning at 1:00 birds were at war. The teams are U.S.A. vs Candyland. They are fighting in Russia at the biggest football field. The birds are battling over Iowa. At 1:30 Sargent Slotersen and Sargent Chocolate shake hands and Sargent Chocolate says, “I’m going to win.” The war has begun.

For U.S.A. there are seven birds, including Carel, Ashlynn, and Kaly. For Candyland there are six birds, including Ava, Ashton, Madison, and Jacob.

Sargent Slotersen is looking for Carel but Carel is missing…in a zombie stomach. Sargent Slotersen noticed that the zombie ate everybody, but Ashlynn and Sargent Chocolate. Sargent Chocolate is going in a circle yelling, “What’s going on?” Then, Sargent Chocolate goes up to the zombie and says, “Please don’t eat me, I’m just a bird.” Next thing you know Sargent Chocolate’s missing. All of a sudden the zombie vomits up all the birds and then all the birds eat the zombie. Then the U.S.A. birds eat all the Candyland birds but Sargent Chocolate and Madison.

U.S.A. WINS! Sargent Slotersen says to Sargent Chocolate, “Look who won, not you, me haha.”
If I had $1,000,000...

If I had $1,000,000, I will get a car and a treat for just ME. I would get a cat, dog, and house. The last thing I would do with $1,000,000 is go to California.
The Life of the Football

Once there was a football. He was always being kicked, swatted, or thrown. The worst part about being a football was being landed on. He was not always kicked or swatted in the face, but every time he was landed on he heard air pop out. This was not something that should happen to the football because he never ate beans. It is only when he is landed on, but the ball is always said to have slipped out of someone’s hands. The football lives in a house that is located on top of the ball rack. He always hears the other footballs moaning and groaning about how they wish they were him. They never get used and so they complain that they could be so much better than him. Some days when they see the lead football come back all hurt and sore they say that if they were him they would want to get a therapist to help them with all these struggles.

Shoes

Once there was a man who wore the same shoes for over 10 years. Over the 10 years he managed to keep them very clean. One day he wanted to go fishing in a swamp near his home. He knew he best first would be found here, but he was worried about his shoes. He thought about all the green slime that could possibly get on his shoes. He stepped onto the boat’s weak spot and the board broke. It flung up and hit him in the face and an alligator quickly grabbed his shoes. “Noooooo!” yelled the man, “what will I do without my most precious shoes?” The man then jumped from the boat into the swamp. He was so scared, but kept swimming towards the alligator. He was desperate to get his shoes back. The alligator then turned around facing the man. He had noticed the temperature change from when the man’s warm body entered the water. The alligator began swimming quickly towards the man. The man darted towards the shore. Luckily the man was able to make it to the shore. At the shore he found a rope and threw it towards the alligator trying to hit him to scare his mouth open. The alligator was stronger though and tore the rope to pieces. The alligator then quickly kept swimming towards the man on shore. How does the story end? That is for you, dear reader, to figure out.
All about me

I like the color pink because I have eyeshadow that’s pink and clothes that are pink. My favorite food is pizza because it’s delicious. My favorite thing to do is write because it gives you something to do. My favorite animal is a cat because cats don’t bite. My favorite movie is the Boss Baby because in the movie the Boss Baby talks. My birthday is in the summer and it is on June 25th. My favorite show is Andi Mack because it’s a good show. I have three dogs and one cat. I am in fourth grade and my teachers name is miss L-W. I have lots of siblings.
Penguin story

Once upon a time there was a penguin whose name was Poppy. One day she was playing with her friends, Mootz and Aly. They were playing tag, when Aly tripped and found three friendship bracelets. Aly and Mootz put on the bracelets first. All of a sudden they turned into penguins! When Poppy put on her bracelet, she turned into a human. Aly said, "you are human, just like us!" Poppy said, "you are not people, you are penguins." Aly looked in the mirror and she began to scream. AHHH! Mootz calmed Aly down and said, "It's going to be okay!" Aly calmed down and thought about how she was a penguin and realized she can now swim fast. Mootz and Aly agreed to stay penguins forever. Poppy realized being a human was too hard, so she decided to take off her bracelet. She then turned back into a penguin! They all stayed penguins forever.

The End.
My potion, "The Dumber", would make people less smart and I would be the smartest person in the world. The ingredients of my potion would be a crumpled-up piece of paper, a plain old orange, a shiny red apple, and half a cup of water.
My potion would taste like wet, orange snow.
It would feel like cold, wet snow.
My potion would look like a bright orange slushy.
I would give my potion to my siblings first and then everyone in the world because then I would be the smartest person in the world.
Hick's Place

Have you ever played laser tag? Well, my dad is the owner of Hick's Place and some people think I play it all the time, but I don't. In this I will tell you about one time I played laser tag.

One day, I was sitting watching one group get ready and they asked me if I wanted to play. I said, "yes." We got our stuff and headed to the woods.

We got in my woods and we started to play. I headed to the hill that everyone goes to. I saw people. I shot... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM. I hit them five times. Dead. I got hit. "UH." I ran and dived into a thorn bush, "OWW."

But the plan worked. They ran right by. I killed one, then one more. And the last one, dead. All eliminated. They went back to respond and get more lives. We captured the hill. I had one life left and I was hiding on the hill. Their whole team came up. BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... One killed. Four more left. BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... Two more left. BOOM... BOOM... All dead. Five minutes left. They went back again to respond and get more lives so I left the hill. I finally died. I went back to the hill and killed them again. Game over. We added all the kills on are team. They added all of theirs. We had... do the math.

2+3+6+4+21= 36. They had: 10+2+3+1+0+6+0=21.

The next round began. I have 2 lives... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... One kill. BOOM... One more kill. All of their team stayed in one big group and you don't want to do that because it's easier to get hit. BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... More dead. I was by their base. BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... All dead. Ten minutes left... Five minutes left... BOOM... BOOM... BOOM... Game over. Our team had 4+5+6+7+2+1+28=53. Their team had 2+3+10+13+2+0+1+1=32. We win.
The Hockey Problem

We drove to the pond to play hockey with friends. It looks fun, hope it doesn't break!

Then after a while I was quiet I heard a noise I thought something was it the ice?

Next thing I knew I was cold and wet. I knew I fell through the ice to the water.

When we got dried off we went down stairs to play NHL 18.

Then when we met back together we swam to the edge of ice, and fell into the hockey bars.