I WRITE

What's Your Superpower?
Dear Students and Families,

In this anthology you will find a vast array of student writing. We asked students to select an original piece of writing that they would like to share with others. Publishing written work to share with an audience provides students with a purpose for writing and is an important part of the writing process.

We are proud to share the stories, poems, and thoughts of the students who participated in after-school tutoring this fall. Each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, University of Northern Iowa teacher candidates, with a special focus in literacy education, had the opportunity to work with students to learn more about reading, writing, listening, speaking, and thinking together. We are grateful for your support. Both the students and future educators benefited from this experience. We hope, in turn, that the students have learned new strategies for reading and writing and have shared their progress with you. This program is possible because of the extensive support and partnership between the participating students, their families, and the UNI students.

We hope you enjoy the selections and read together often.

Thank you,

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<th>Amy woke up and ate bacon and eggs with her mom.</th>
<th>She got on a big yellow bus and went to school. When she was in her classroom she got her planner out and her homework.</th>
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<td>When it was math time Amy asked Miss Patava to go to the bathroom because she did not like to learn about math.</td>
<td>Amy was scared when the two toilets flushed by itself. She was terrified when the toilet she sat on flushed itself. Then Amy said “Maybe there is an invisible person!”</td>
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<td>“AH!” she screamed. “I think there is a huge, mean ghost in the girl’s bathroom!”</td>
<td>When she was in her classroom she explained everything to Miss Patava, the teacher. A different teacher came in and said “There is no ghost in the girl’s bathroom. It is just the automatic toilet, sink, and hand dryer.”</td>
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The Car Who Had the Birthday Party

The car named Crystal drives to a really big indoor zoo with a TV that plays animals and Winks Club with Directv. The car has lots of fun in her fairy dress at her birthday party! Her best friend Rosa who is polite and helps others has a present for Crystal. They get to see animals. She gets them a movie ticket, so they can go watch Big Hero Six. She had fun eating popcorn and a slushie! She had Reese’s peanut butter cups, a fancy glittery cupcake, and strawberry pop! She had a lot of fun!
A Letter to Taylor Swift

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Dear Taylor Swift,

I like your music because it's adorable. When I hear your song I want to sing. Your voice is good. I like the way you dress and you are pretty. I am your biggest fan. Will you answer some of my questions?

What made you want to be a singer?
How did you get a good voice?
How do you make a song?
Do you like singing with other celebrities? Who?
What is the best part about being a celebrity?
How much money do you make?
How much is a concert ticket?
If you have free time what do you do?
Do you miss your parents?
How many houses do you have?
Where do you live now?
What is your favorite color?

If you read the letter I wrote and answer my questions I will appreciate it. Thank you!

Sincerely,

P.S. Will you send me your signature with a picture?
I like to eat apples and bananas because they are yummy.
Man of Steel

Superman Man of Steel is flying through the air. A monster is coming to destroy the earth. He has space ships bigger than earth and big laser shooting missiles. The Man of Steel is flying to outer space in order to save the earth. He pushes the space ship by punching it. He falls back down to earth and hurts himself. The Red Eye flies to earth to punch Superman. The Red Eye is big and strong and he destroys the cities. The batman and girl come to fight Red Eye. They did not beat him because he was to strong. The Red Eye takes a car and throws it at Batman. The Superman punches the ground and flies super fast. He comes down to Red Eye to fight. The black Superman turns into a blue superman. Superman wins and all the people cheer for him.
“Summer to Winter”

Once upon a time there was a fairy named Missy. She loved summer but she hated winter because she was a summer girl and loved flowers blooming. Then one day the temperature kept dropping - then SNOW!! It came falling out of the sky. Every fairy loved it but Missy did not. She was really mad.

She went through the magic dust shop. She couldn't find any potions. She bought a book full of dust ingredients. It took hours for Missy to find a magic dust to get rid of winter. Finally, Missy found it. She got all the recipes she needed.

Once she was done, she flew up and sprinkled the dust everywhere. All she had to do was wait. As she was waiting, the sun was peeking out. Everyone was happy so they celebrated and they also put out fireworks.
What Should I Know About Dinosaurs?

How Long Did Dinosaurs Live?
Large dinosaurs lived for hundreds of years.

Were Dinosaurs Smart?
Dinosaurs were as smart as today's crocodiles.

How Fast Were Dinosaurs?
Some big dinosaurs are slow. Others are faster than a car.

Could Dinosaurs Fly?
Not all dinosaurs could fly. Only pterosaurs could fly.

What Did Dinosaurs Eat?
Some dinosaurs ate meat. They ate eggs, fish and insects.

What Color Were Dinosaurs?
Some dinosaurs were green, blue, brown or gray.
How to Build a Lion with Legos

Step 1: Put one blue rectangle piece on the building mat. Put another blue squares piece on top, covering the back two circle pieces.

Step 2: Put two red square pieces underneath the blue rectangle piece. One piece is in the front with two circles open and the other piece is in the back with two circles open.

Step 3: Then put two square pieces on top of the blue rectangle piece. One the back and one piece as a head on the front. And then you have a lion!
Gymnastics is Dangerous

Gymnastics is so dangerous but I choose to do it anyways! One thing that is really dangerous is a back handspring. Last week I got a back handspring perfect. At first I landed on my head, then I got it perfect! When I could do a back handspring my routine got even harder. My routine is a roundoff two and a roundoff three. They are really tricky!

Nicole taught me how to do a back handspring. She a cool teacher! I think she is cool because she is fun. Ley is also my coach and he is funny.

In gymnastics I get to have fun with my teammates. Some things are dangerous.

Gymnastics is so fun and dangerous. I will do the best I can!
Dear SpongeBob,

I like you because you are the best.

My favorite food is pizza.

Can I play tag with you some time?

Your friend,
Jack and the Giant Beanstalk

Once upon a time, in the King's palace in the warm summer, Jack dropped the magic bean. The bean grew big and high and the giant came down from the sky. Then the giant tried to destroy the castle so that he could get the gold crown. In the end, Jack got the crown.
Flash and Superman

Flash

The Flash can save the world, because he can run fast. This is about using his power to save the people. The Flash is also a superhero to fight evil; the Earth needs Flash.

Superman

Superman can fly to the sky because he has to save the people with his power. Superman can help the world, by using his laser eyes and his cold ice mouth. Superman can fight an evil that is not good all, all the people said, “thank you Superman for saving us”.
The real story of Rapunzel

Once upon a time there was a girl name Rapunzel. She is the princess and she's beautiful. She's from the Future Castle Village. She is a very nice princess.

Mother Gotha wanted to be a queen. She put a spell on everyone so they do not think that Rapunzel is a princess. Mother Gotha cut Rapunzel's hair. She took the crown from the princess. Mother Gotha went to the Future Castle Village and stayed there for a long time. While Rapunzel was locked away in the tower. She put a spell on everyone and make them sleep. Then the prince, Jordan, heard a beautiful voice, and he followed the princess's voice and he took the princess back to the Future Castle Village. Granny Jenny put a spell on everybody and everybody woke up. The princess and prince lived happily ever after.
"Basho"

Basho.
Kind, good.
Helping, writing, giving.
Respectful master of poetry.
Leader.
The King and the Elf Story

Once upon a time, there was an unhappy King who looked like Santa and a stick because he did not know how to make chocolate ice cream. He had to get a plane and go to the North Pole to get an elf to make it for him.

When the King got to the North Pole he asked Santa for an elf and he said yes, but that he could only have him for one week. The King went back to his home made of purple velvet in Canada, and the elf made him 5,000 boxes of chocolate ice cream and then it was time to go back to the North Pole. The elf made the King a toy elf, and when he pushed a button, ¼ of a gallon of chocolate ice cream came out of the toy elf's mouth.

The King became a happy King because the toy elf made him all the chocolate ice cream he could ever want. He got bigger because he ate all that chocolate ice cream, but it was so good to eat!

The End.
Lion

Lion's hunt all the time.
They have hair.
They are mean.
They eat animals.
They scratch people.
They have big teeth.
They are big animals.
How to Make a Hot Dog

First you take a pan next you take the hot dogs and put it on the pan. Then we put it on a stove and we turned the head on then we wait when its raddy. We take out the hot dog. Next we take out the bread. So we take the hot dog put it on the bread and last we put cachop on our hot dog and we eat it.
Games Are Amazing

There are a lot of games to play.

They are cool. Minecraft, Pixel Gun, and Plants Vs. Zombie are popular.

You can use an Xbox or computer.

You can play anytime!

Everyone can play now!

Go play games, please.
The Haunted Soccer Field

Once upon a time there were eight teenagers. They were going to a soccer field that was hunted by a little girl that died by getting lost. She got hungry, then he died. One of them was going to the bathroom and then some of them ask what is taking him so long? His friend said he just got there bro. It has been only five minutes already. Then the guy in the bathroom was seeing a ghost, and he flushed himself down the toilet. Then the other guy said I can find him. They went looking for him. Then the guy in the toilet was really scared because the ghost was after him. Then the toilet broke and the guy fell down and ran away. The ghost gave up and let the door open, then the teenagers ran out of the soccer field. They called the priest to get rid of the ghost. They learned there lesson of never go to a hunted soccer field.
Halloween

On Halloween I got my shoelace stuck in my bike. Then my mom came home and got my shoelace out of my bike. Then I got dressed in my gorilla costume. Then we went trick-or-treating at nice houses. I got a big Snicker bar and lots of other candies. After trick-or-treating we got hot dogs, juice, and chips. Then I went to three more houses. Nathan, my brother, still wanted to trick or treat but my mom said it is time to go.

The End
Goats vs. Mowers

Goats and mowers are used to cut grass but they are different in cost, fuel, maneuverability, emissions and life expectancy. Goats cost $100 to $350, and they do not need gas to move. Also, goats can go on high and low ground without tipping over (unless it is a fainting goat!) Next, goats emit droppings that are fertilizers to the plants and grass. Finally, they last 8 to 10 years or can live more than 15 years. Mowers cost $1,000 to $3,000, and they need gas to run which costs about $3.00 for one gallon. As well, they can accelerate up high or low ground, but there might be a chance that the mower tips over. Mowers emit pollution from the gas and last 8 to 10 years. Goats and mowers are both used for cutting grass, but which one do you think is better?
The Princess and the Poisonous Snake

Long ago, a princess lived in a castle. She had a bigger sister. They were putting dresses on when she heard a sound. It was a poisonous snake! She called for help. The poisonous snake told the princess to kiss him. The princess did not want to but she decided to do it anyway. The princess turned into a poisonous snake! Her face changed and she wanted her face back. A way to get her face back was for her to say a poem. The princess said the poem and then the poisonous snake turned into a prince. The princess became a princess again too. They all lived happily ever after.

The End.
Maria Shay Mo’s Egg Recipe
First you need to get two eggs. Then get some orange oil and salt. Next get a pan. Then put the two eggs, a little oil and two pinches of salt in a bowl and mix it with a spoon. Then you pour it into the pan. Put the heat on the stove to high. Next you flip it with a big spoon. Then put the eggs on the plate using the big spoon. Last you wash your hands and eat your eggs!

(This is a real recipe)
Things I Like
by

I like many things.

I like the Joke of the Day.

I like the A, B, C's because they are fun.

I like numbers because they are fun.

I like teachers because they are nice!

I like Jesus because I love him.
Jaguar is sleeping. Jaguar is living in a cave. Jaguar is yellow with black dots. They swim. They climb up the tree. They eat fish. They stay with mom. Mom has 1 to 4 baby cubs in a litter.
How to Decorate a Christmas Tree

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First, we drive to Walmart to buy the Christmas tree. Next we put the Christmas tree on top of the car and we take it home. We take the Christmas tree out of the box and build it by the TV. Then my mom, sister, and I put the string lights around the tree. For the fifth step, I put the white fluffy string around the Christmas tree. We also put blue and white ball lights around the tree. Then I take the chair from the kitchen to the living room. I stand on the chair and put the star on the top of the tree. Finally, we turn the star and the lights on to celebrate Christmas!
Stolen Aquarium

One day a shark showed up at the aquarium. And so did a seal. They became the best of friends. But the next day there was a mean alligator who stole all the fish from the seal and shark. Then a bossy polar bear came and judged the seal and shark.
The Prince who got stuck in the Tower

Once upon a time there was a prince riding a horse. He was going to the park. The witch will see him at the park and put magic on him. He picked all the flowers and threw them away. The prince got caught by the witch and she put him in a tower. A princess was walking on the street when she heard a loud sound. She threw a rope up the tower and climbed to the prince. The princess put a magic on him and he turned to normal again. He said the princess, “what happened?” and the girl said, “Come, let’s climb down the tower!” When they climb down the tower the girl find a sparkle and they dig a hole. Then the prince sees a jewel and they find a big purple and white jewel. Then they go to the princess castle and they get dressed up and get married.
A Retelling of the Ninja Turtles

Once there was a rat that got mutated because his master died by the Shredder. The rat went into the sewer and he found the turtles and all of them got mutated. He became a father to the turtles. He taught the turtles. Those turtles’ names are Ralph, Don, Leo, and Mikey. Now they are ninjas.
The Soccer Player

The boy was on a new soccer team.

They are starting the soccer game.

They are playing soccer and they are passing the ball and they are kicking the ball.

They win the soccer game!

Pele signed the soccer ball for the boy.

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David Beckham Story

David Beckham plays for a lot of teams. He plays for Real Madrid, Manchester United, PSG, and England. He is awesome when he plays for Manchester United. He is good at free kick, and he has a lot of fans. David Beckham is famous, and he is one of my favorite players.
The Zoo

It was a sunny day. At a zoo in Iowa there were a lot of trees for the giraffes to eat. The lion was a joker. He had three friends. He told his friends he was going to eat them. The Dog, the Zebra and the Bear were all scared of the Lion. The Dog, who had brown fur and a brown tail was crying. The friendly Bear, who had brown fur and long, sharp claws was running and the Zebra, who had black fur was hiding. The Lion was sad. The lion said "I'm sorry". The animals became friends again. They played hide and seek. The lion never played a mean joke again!
I Am Thankful...

I am Thankful for my family.

I am thankful for my friends
    That I could have fun with.

I am Thankful for food
    To keep me healthy.

I am Thankful for my house
    To let me stay inside.

I am Thankful for school
    To let me learn.

I am Thankful for clothes
    To keep me warm.

I am thankful for a happy day
    To breathe happy.
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Park
Beautiful, quiet
Running, playing, reading
Has lots of trees
Playground

Spring
Rainy, joyful
Growing, changing, falling
About to be summer
Season
How To Be A Friend

1. To be kind to my friend.
2. Invite them to play with me.
3. Share with my friend.
4. You can try helping your friend.
5. You can help them if they're hurt.
6. When they are sad, you can cheer them up.
The Robbing Robber

Gridy was sleeping in her soft bed. She woke up to go to the bathroom. All of a sudden, she saw somebody dressed in black. The person had a mask. Gridy knew it was a robber. Gridy sprints really fast to get the phone to call the police. She shouts “Help! There’s a robber in my house!” The police zoomed into the car. Gridy’s house wasn’t too far so he got out of the car and went walking to Gridy’s house. The police went in Gridy’s house. The police surrounded the house to get the robber. Then the police caught the robber and he went to jail. Then Gridy went to sleep.

The End.
The Red Book
A wordless picture book by Barbara Lehman
Authored by

The girl is walking on the side walk during winter. The girl is walking and walking and said, "Oh my I found a letter in the snow." The girl is running with the envelope. There was a class with lots of kids. The little girl was looking at the map. The girl opened The Red Book and saw the boy walking on the sand. The boy was reading and looking at The Red Book. The girl was running out of the classroom. The girl wanted some balloons. The girl got some balloons. The girl flew with the balloons. The girl was flying high. The Red Book was falling, and falling, and falling. The girl was falling. The Red Book fell on a deck. The boy found the girl and got her down from the sky. The book closed and closed and the boy was on his bike at the beach.