

The
Seely
Signature

Winter 2018

Green

Blake Pomponio

Green, you sing like a bird in the morning.

You taste like cold, cold, green apples.

You make the trees and grass grow outside on sunny, sunny days..

Green is the best colored pencil.

You are as shiny as an emerald.

I feel as happy as green does.

You should like green now because I told you how awesome it is.



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Snow

Joya Ishak

So soft , softer than a babies cheek!

Never will let u down

Only has a limited time to live

Wonderful.



Winter

Michele Thomas

Wet snow boots at the door.
In the house hot chocolate cools
Near the fire we warm up.
Trees decorated with glitter and more
Everyone is welcome to play
Red fluffy coats hang up by the fire



Winter Haiku

Michele Thomas

Cold winter snowfall
Jack frost nipping at my nose
Rest by the fire.

When Disaster Struck

Richa Patil

I remember that fine winter morning when I woke up to a soft blanket of snow outside my window. It was very cold and I could smell something sweet cooking downstairs. I brushed my teeth and headed down to the kitchen. Down I went two floors down. I smelled cinnamon coming from the kitchen. I walked in, to my favorite breakfast cooking, cinnamon buns with hot chocolate. I couldn't wait to go outside and see my friends on Snowy Hill, the best place to go sledding. I finished my breakfast and headed outside. I saw my friends waiting for me at the bus stop, where we wait for the school bus. But not today. I waved to them and we headed to Snowy Hill. We turned left, then right, then headed straight to what seemed like a towering mountain of snow, but was really a hill. We started up the hill holding our skies, sleds and snow tubes. We reached the top and rolled down. We went all the way back up and I laughed at my friend Maida's funny dad jokes. As I was skiing down an older kid toppled over me. My friends rushed over asking if I was okay. I told them I was. My ankle really hurt. Luckily I had my phone with me so I called my mom. She picked me up in her blue BMW, and we drove to the emergency room. The doctor there told me I had a sprained ankle. He would have a small cast on my ankle for a

month. She said it would cause me to limp and I wouldn't be able to participate in P.E. I was very upset to hear this news, but I couldn't wait to get rid of the cast. P.E. was my favorite special. Right now we were playing basketball, my favorite sport. At least I had fun this morning, I thought to myself. I couldn't wait to get over with this sprained ankle.

Moral: Pay attention to your surroundings so you don't hurt someone.



Interview with
Physical Education Teacher
Ms. Robinson

Naa Larsey-Adjei and Malia Rhone

Q: How and when did you start teaching Physical Education?

A: She started teaching P.E in 2007 and she became a P.E teacher because her father was her P.E teacher and she was inspired by him.

Q: What was your first class you ever taught?

A: Her first school and grades to teach were the Edgemont Junior/ Senior High School and she taught grades 7th to 12th grade.

Q: Are you the only child in your family?

A: She has an older sister and a younger sister.

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: She likes playing lacrosse. She likes watching and baseball and football.

Q: Do you like the upstairs gym or the downstairs gym?

A: She likes both upstairs and downstairs.

Q: What is your favorite song?

A: She enjoys Try Everything by Shakira.

Q: What is your favorite grade to teach?

A: She likes to teach every grade because she likes to see them grow and teach them for multiple years.



ACROSTIC POEM

Gabriel Hwang

Super fun
Extremely fun
Excellent
Lovely
You would love it

Significant for you
Impressive
Great
Nothing exceeds the fun
Awesome
Teriffic
Ultra fun
Relaxing
Exceeds the awesomeness



No Electronics!

Haruto Nakajima

Okay, so let me first tell you what's going on. So the world just did a electricity shut down and stuff like that. The main idea is that we can't use stuff that runs on electricity. So now I can't play my video games, go somewhere because the car runs on electricity, and I can't watch soccer games. And worst of all there's no lights. I mean how can you live without light? I've already felt like I've hit my leg on stuff 15 times. And this is still the first day. I can't handle a month of this. This electricity shutdown is just terrible.

Maybe I'll just tell you about the terrible month I had. There is nothing good about this. I mean having no school and homework is okay but I mean it's not the best. I usually spend most of my weekend playing soccer with my team and about 2 hours of video games and 30 minutes on the computer. This is a big difference in my life because everything I used to do I can't do because all of them use electricity. Most days I walked to my friend's house to play sports outside. Sometimes we go to Seely Place to play football and soccer together. It's actually kind of fun. The problem is the walking. I have to walk like 3 miles to the school and back because I live far from it. That's like so long. And by the time we played soccer and football for 5 hour your legs are dead tired. And then you have to walk back another 3 miles. That's just tiring. And then when you get back home you can't take a warm shower. This is so bad. How worse can it get?

Another bad thing is that there are no phones. I can't talk to my friends anymore. The only way is to see each other somewhere but that means you have to walk. Maybe you make plans for the next day and one of you forgets. I mean you have no phone. How are you supposed to talk to someone that's that far away?. Also when you hurt yourself you can't just wait there for someone to come like usual. you have to get back up and go to your home. Yeah, that's what happened to me yesterday. We were just playing soccer and I was goalkeeper. Then some 6th graders came and said they want to play so we have to move. We said no. But the 6th graders were persistent. We

challenged them to a penalty shoot out. We won 4-3. The 6th graders were sore losers and started kicking the ball at us. One of them hit me really hard in the head. I felt like I got a concussion and I was right. Well, I was able to walk back home with the help of my friends. But now I'm cooped up in my house with nothing fun to do. So yeah, just like I've been saying- this electricity shutdown is bad.

So for the rest of the month I couldn't go outside to have fun so I did a lot of reading. I also did make legos even though they're not that much fun. I wasn't even keeping track of the days. I always forget what day it was because I used the internet before. Now I can't.

Finally one day I was just reading the book in front of the couch when there was a loud beep. 5 seconds later all the lights came on. I was really happy to see the lights back on and the iPad working. Since it was the first day back I picked up my Nintendo and started playing games. I think that month was hard enough. I wonder what I'll do when the next time is 3 month long!



Snowman

Sophie Xie

Snow is falling,
Now's the time to have some fun!
On the table is a mug of hot chocolate,
With marshmallows inside it!
Mom's telling you to come in,
And you throw one last snowball at
your friend,
Now you race in,
Sipping your hot chocolate. Mmmm.



The Wonderful Galaxy

Hannah Manasse

Did you ever know how many wonders the galaxy can hold?
There are so many things that have not yet been told.

So many planets so many stars
Some are like earth for example, Mars.

The galaxy has a lot of secrets
that have not yet been discovered.
How long is the galaxy, will we ever
find that out?

There are so many things that
we already know about.
We have landed on the moon sent
probes through space

NASA is a really great place.



The galaxy is so AMAZING!

Happy New Year!

Avery Liao

The ball drops
When it is 12 o'clock
We are all waiting
For the tick tock
For New Year
to be here!



The Popular Queen

Avery Liao

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Kylie. She moved from Florida to Washington D.C. She was sad to wave goodbye to her friends, but happy to start a new school.

When she got to her new school, right away she was popular. Every girl wanted to hang out with her because she was pretty, funny, smart, and kind to everybody. Even the older most popular girl didn't mind and wanted to

be friends with Kylie. She felt a little overwhelmed.

One day, a girl named Serenity came to her school. Serenity was really different. She wasn't a girly girl. She played football even though there were no girls' teams for it. She stood up for herself against the school bullies. She didn't even wear girly clothes. She was a tomboy.

Then, one day, Kylie was just at her locker getting ready for class when suddenly the school bully, Faith came to her and started bullying her. Serenity walked by. When she saw Faith bullying Kylie, she glared at her. Faith yelped and dashed away. Kylie was amazed. No one had scared Faith, ever. Everyone else stopped, then started talking again, like nothing happened. Kylie stood still. She wanted to say thanks, but Serenity had already walked away.

At lunchtime, Serenity sat alone. No one wanted to hang out with her. Kylie felt really bad for her. She kept on glancing over her shoulder to see if anyone would come sit with her, but everyone kept coming to her and asking if she could hangout with them. Serenity never did. Kylie studied Serenity carefully. It looked like Serenity was used to being alone.

But at recess, she out ran all of the boys, even the super jocks. She started hanging out with the boys a lot, daring

them to eat a worm or something. Kylie felt jealous that the boys were hanging out with a really interesting girl.

One day, Serenity broke her arm playing football. She had to go to the hospital. All of her friends were really busy but would have come. Kylie was busy too, but she pushed her things aside. She knew Serenity would feel lonely in the hospital. Kylie was nervous about what Serenity would think of her. *What if she thinks I'm too girly for her?* Kylie thought. But Serenity gladly appreciated her company. Soon, they became BFFs.

When Serenity came back, Kylie hung out with her every day. The other girls were confused why Kylie was hanging out with a tomboy, but they didn't care. The boys still were Serenity's friends, but they didn't hang out with her that much anymore. Since Kylie was popular, Serenity became popular, too (though she still kept her personality). Serenity never, ever had to sit alone ever again.

The Disappearing Boy

Rahil Kumar

Once there was a boy who loved soccer. One day while he was playing soccer he kicked the ball into a cave (or at least what he thought was a cave). When he went to get the ball he realized that the cave was not a cave -

it was a gigantic snake! And when the boy sprinted towards the mouth of the snake the snake closed her mouth and enjoyed her lunch.



Fairies and Goblins

Laurel Taylor

Once upon a time there was a fairy whose name was Mimi. She lived in a town of fairies. One day Mimi went into the forest. As she walked deeper into the forest it got darker, and the darker it got the more scared she felt. After a while, she felt lost. A few seconds later a twig broke. She turned around but could see no one. Suddenly a hand shot out and grabbed her arm. She screamed and tried to run away but could not. Suddenly the arm started to pull her to itself. When she got closer she saw it was a goblin. She screamed. She had never seen such a hideous creature. It had pointy green fingers and feet and slimy skin and pointy ears and a monstrous face. She felt so frightened, she nearly fainted. After a long time of traveling, they finally reached their destination. It was a hut, it was small inside the hut.

It had a bed, a kitchen and a cage. Mimi suddenly fell in love with the goblin and had lived happily ever after.

From Different Points of View

Yashica Balasubramanian

Piano

Nightly black and ghostly white,
The sounds can give you peace or a
fright.
It's as calm as a lake, but as raging as
the sea.
It is a wonder of music, so don't let it
be!

Outer covering, hard as gold,
Inner strings, brittle as cold.
Eighty-eight keys, waiting to be played,
A piano is certainly a musical aid!

Chess

You start off, with a pawn to e4,
It's the move that opens the door.
Your opponent moves the same, to e5
This game will turn into a real beehive.

Your bishop starts to get involved
And then there is a puzzle, that you
must solve.
Should you take the pawn, or leave the
pawn?
Every move has a pro and a con.

But what about that old knight?
It always jumps out, in the middle of a
fight!
It always moves in an L or a 7,

And in closed games, this piece is
heaven.

You start to take the other queen.
That move was your biggest dream.
But you start to get very shaken
When your own queen gets taken!

Your rook starts to get in the game,
As the opponent's king is your biggest
aim.
You use a knight, as some bait,
But it will all be worth it, because,
CHECKMATE!



Owls (Haiku)

Owls in the night
They can give you such a fright
When one is in sight

Love

In the tree, sit two doves.
They have a seed of hope, an
everlasting love.
It starts off small, then grows into a
tree.
That is all love needs to be,



Thunder Storm

Clouds are turning, for they are so full.
Their touch is not soft, and is like steel
wool.

It starts off soft, like the tempo for
the piano,
And then it comes down like big giant
bananas!

Pitter, patter, pitter, patter, That's the
sound of rain

Hitting mountains and trees, striking
plateaus and plains.

It hits my house and the power goes
out

And then we hear many screams and
shouts!

The dogs howl, but are masked by the
rain

And their whimpering sounds, like
someone in pain.

The birds try to fly, but they are too
late

For the rain and their feathers, give too
much weight.

Earthworms scurry, but cannot stay
under,

For there's rain and lightning, which
causes the thunder.

The mud roils under the thirsty roots
Into my apple tree, and many other
fruits.

And then, like it started, it suddenly
stops
And I hear the last words, going *drop,*
drop.

We see the sun come, and the rain
saying bye,
And then, we see a rainbow in the sky!

A Dog's Best Friend

You know how everyone says
That a dog is a man's best friend?
But why should I?

Why can't it be the mouse, the cat or
even a fly?

We've grown so attached, I kinda
regret it

That I've learned to jump, fetch, and sit
And do science, math, and the digits of
pi

But it is hard to say goodbye
So I won't be far

Just messing with your car!



Black

A black cat and a black sky
It's a color that is great, and must not
go by

It was the color of the film, from years
ago

It's the color of a 1960s show

Night

Snow falls softly, on the darkest plain
Each one unique, never the same
Each one, making your imagination
soar

But what is, the darkest night for?

The stars just want to tell something
Is it 88 stories, or a song to sing
Each one, is made of hydrogen and gas
But they can rid your eyes in a flash

Black, blue,
Colors so true
Yellow, white
A secret so tight

I see a streak in the sky
And the moon starts to say goodbye
Pink, orange, yellow, red
And then you wake up, from your bed

Oh, January!

It is the beginning, of all things new
Some are kept, but there's an unkept
few

It's a clean slate, you need to fill it
Every day counts, make most of it



Oh, February!

There's love in the air
And it's almost there
The holiday is near
Ah! It is here!

I love my family, for they give me care
And without them, I would not be
there
I love my teachers, cause they teach
me enough

To go to college, and do some more
stuff

I love the birds a lot, for they fill the air
And without them the silence would
shatter me, like an icy stare
I love their feathers and talk, they give
the world a voice
And I would never leave them, if I had
to make the choice

There are still so many more things I
love
Like... so many things, including a glove
There won't be enough room, to list
them all
And this computer is just WAY to
small

Oh, March!

Leprechauns and green
And it's considered a deem
To wear a certain color
And that color is green

Flowers bloom right before your eyes
Now's the time to have a picnic with
pies
The animals and insects, the birds and
the bees
The bushes and the shrubs, the leaves
on the trees
They all mean, spring is here!



An Interview with Third Grade

Aide: Mrs. Kim

Elyse Blumberg and Mimi Ascher

Q: Of all your years at Seely, which year was your favorite and why?

A: I don't have a favorite year because each year I get to work with new kids.

Q: What is traffic duty like?

A: On a sunny day traffic duty is nice but on a cold wet day it is harder and less enjoyable.

Q: What is your favorite part about Seely Place?

A: My favorite part is that everywhere I go I am with children.

Q: What is your animal spirit?

A: My animal spirit is a dog because they like to be around others.

Q: What is your favorite Disney movie?

A: My favorite movie is the classic *101 Dalmatians*. The dogs in this film are absolutely adorable!

Q: How has the pressure changed on you since you are one of the only two aides in 3rd grade this year compared to last year, when there were 4 aides?

A: The pressure hasn't changed that much because I work with an amazing aide, Mrs. Kulatz and the third graders are very mature.

Q: What are the pros and cons of changing grades?

A: There are no cons. I love to see different levels of maturity, and be with new teachers.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: English is my preferred subject.

Q: If you could magically turn into any vegetable, what would you be and why?

A: I would turn into a cucumber because they are refreshing and crunchy.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Pink is one of my most liked colors because it is bright and happy.

Q: Which grade is the easiest to work with and why?

A: Out of the 1st and 3rd grades, 3rd has been the easiest to work with because the kids are more mature and need less attention.

Q: How do you feel about the new six day cycle?

A: It was hard at first but I eventually got used to it.

Q: If you had one wish for the school, what would it be?

A: I would like the school to have a half day once every week.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: I love lasagna and ribs because they are delicious.

Q: If you were not an aide at Seely,
what job would you want to have?

A: If I were not to work at Seely, I
would like to trade stocks because it is
very interesting to me.

Thank You Mrs. Kim for answering our
questions!



A Note to all Seely Signature Readers:

Winter is here, and our January Edition is filled with snow stories to keep you warm and cosy! Brr!!!!!! This is our second edition of the Seely Signature for the school year, 2018-2019.

Did you like the variety of poetry pieces in this season's edition? It was fun reading about Ms. Robinson in PE, and one of our teacher aides, Ms. Kim! The short stories were great, and the Chess poem gave you a great strategy to consider the next time you play.

The Dog's Story had a cute photo of a dog in the driver's seat! Great choice, Mrs. Borella!

Remember, in the spring, we will have another opportunity for our older students to contribute to the next publication. Meanwhile, keep on writing, drawing, taking photos, and thinking creatively about our school's newsletter. Can you believe that we have put out 20 different editions already?

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