

New Jersey Literacy Association 2021 Writing Contest



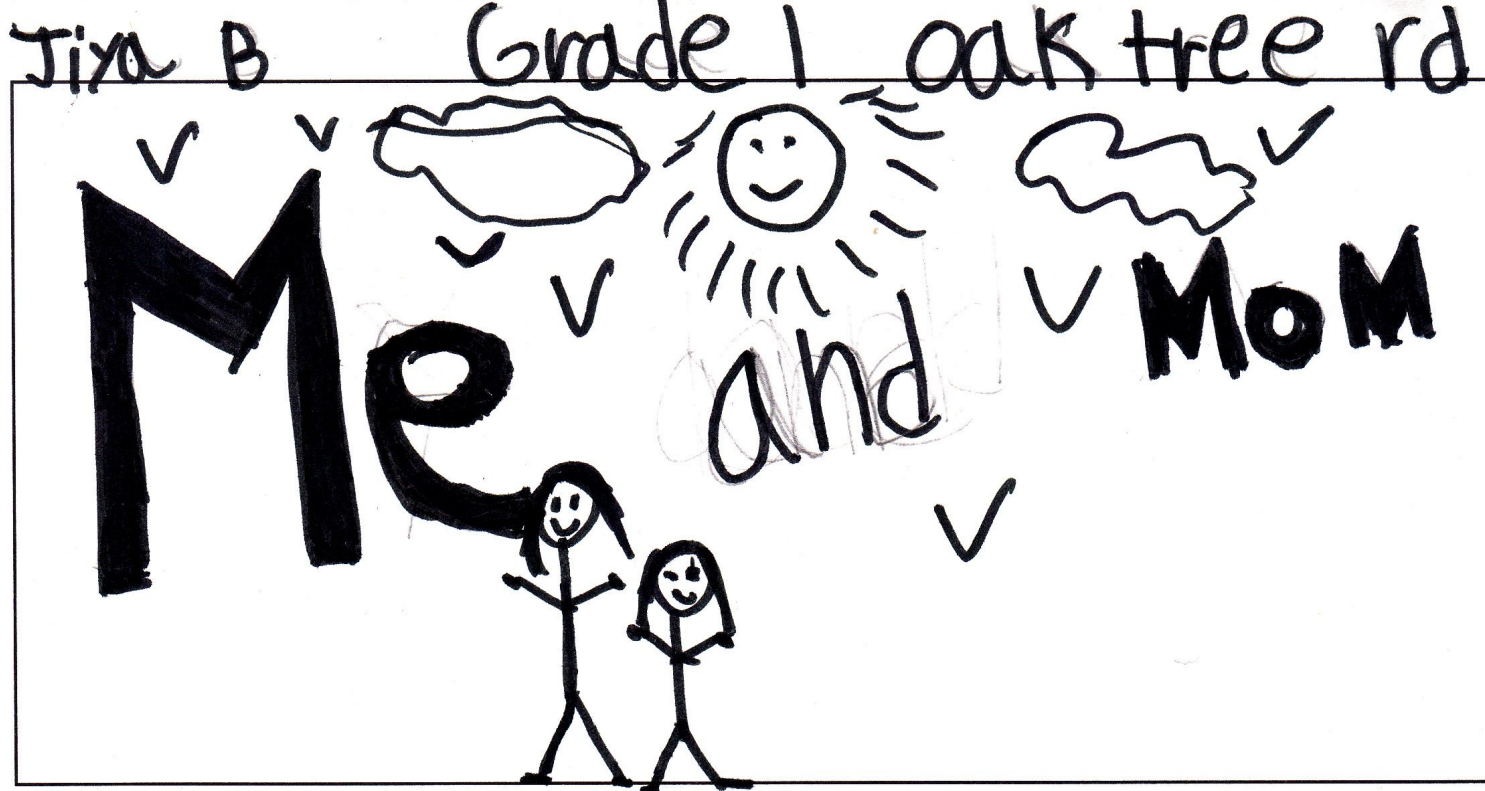
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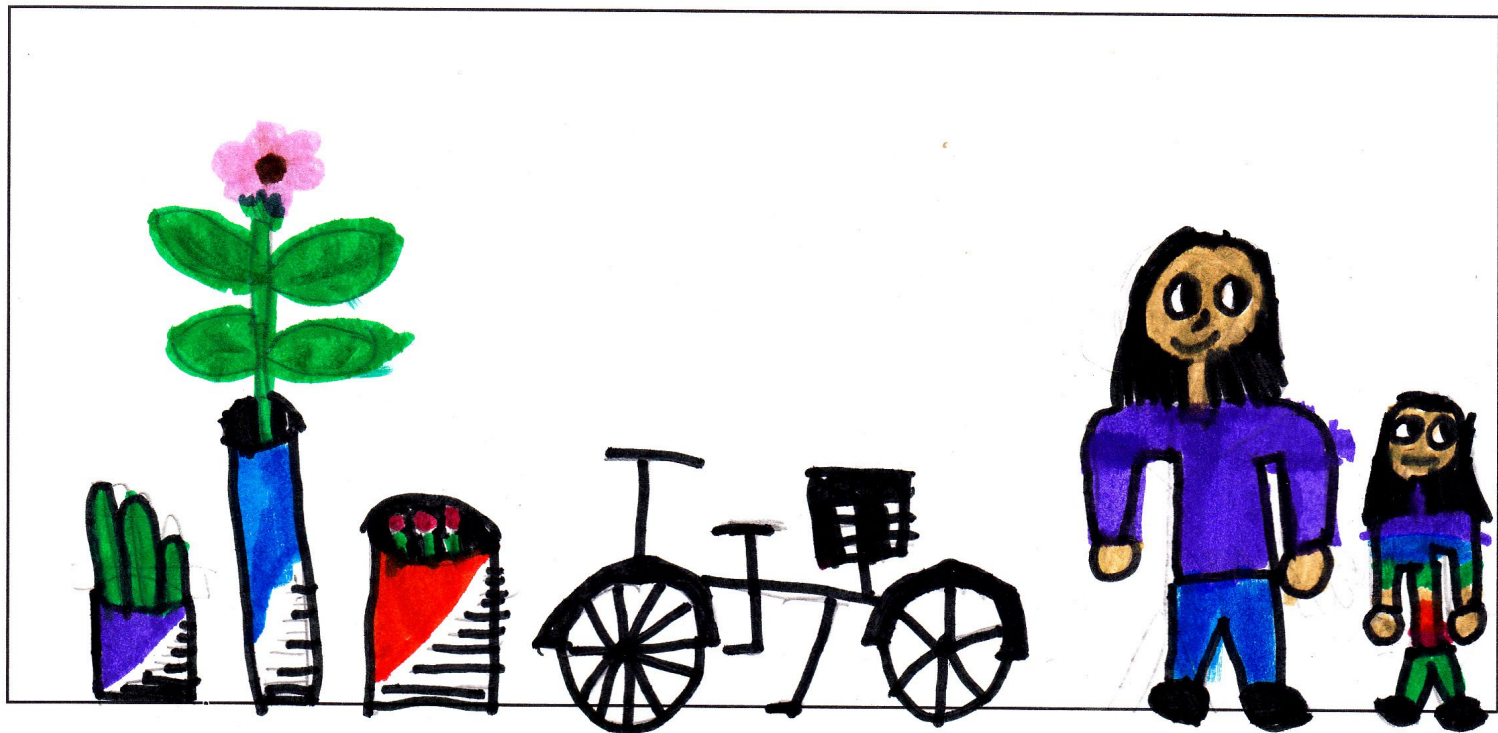
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I am in New Jersey
and my mom is in california
for dental schlool I had a
very good time visiting
california. I saw the Golden
Gate bridge, went to *
Santa crus beach, exploratorium.
But I had to come back
to New Jersey to start



kindergardten. My moms
mom, Grandma and dad
took care of me. I learned
all about gardening from my
moms mom. Grandma taught
me how to end my school
and when to do my home
work. I enjoye playing and
riding my bicycle. I miss my



mom everyday so I made a
mothers day card, welcome
back note, letter and
greeting card. my mom is
coming back to stay with
me in four weeks.



I went to Jay Peak last winter. Jay Peak is a place in Vermont. It was really fun and there was snow everywhere. We stayed in a hotel for some days. I went there with my family and friends. It was a very big mountain. It was really cold and I had to wear 5 jackets. My brother and his friends wanted to climb the mountain. It looked really scary but they still did it. There were also big trolleys that took me to the top of the mountain. My uncle also taught me how to ski. Skiing is hard and I fell in the snow a lot of times. The snow was really cold and my nose was red. The trip was super fun. I want to go there again!

"I love you snow much." 😊

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MY LITTLE SISTER

I like my little sister Aadhya. She was born on November 20 2019 and she came to our home after 4 days and that day was my 6th birthday. Yes I was born on November 24 2013. The next day she was not sleeping during the night and was crying often. She was a month old we had family and friends visit her. She got lot of presents from them. She was growing up fast. Aadhya and mom come to drop and pick me up from School. I will be waiting to see her after my school. We reach home and I will play with her. In Month of March 2020 due to COVID 19 school were shut and we had online school. I missed school so much but now I spent lot of time with my sister .

when she was around 6 months she recognized my face and voice . On May 20th it was her Half Birthday me, mom and dad made a cake for her . I was so excited to make the cake and we decorated for the celebration .We all dressed with nice cloths and took beautiful pictures after cutting the cake. I took lots of pictures in the camera dressed good with my sister every month.



She started to crawl and started to follow me everywhere I go. She started to rip my school worksheets. I had to keep them out of her reach . She started to stand holding my hand and later she took baby steps holding my finger. When she was almost 1 year old she started to

walk . We were so excited since her 1st birthday. We had a Zoom Birthday celebration with family and friends . 4 days later it was my 7th Birthday and we celebrated it too . On Christmas Day 2020 we went to New York City by car it was Aadhya's first car ride to the city. We drove around the city in car saw the Christmas lighting in the city and came back home. I am having a good

time with my Baby Sister. She is talking few words now she calls me 'ANNA' which means brother in Tamil. I take good care of my sister when my parents are busy . I am so happy to have my baby sister hope she feels the same way.

THE BEST DAY!

The best day of my life was when my baby sister Laila, came home from the hospital after she was born. I was only three years old, but I remember being so excited that I got a baby sister. My family and I were living in our old house at the time, it was a brown house that had an upstairs and downstairs. I shared my room with my sister. Having a baby sister made me the happiest girl.

I couldn't wait to play with her, I was always helping bottle feed her, and helped change her diaper. When she cried I would comfort her. As she got bigger I was able to play with her more. I would play toys with her, rock her in her cradle and watch tv with her. We used to watch Paw Patrol together. I am now 7 years old and she is about to turn 5 and we watch YouTube and Netflix together and we can now start playing with dolls together and I pretend to be her teacher and teach her all the things I am learning about in first grade.

Having a little sister is like having a forever friend. I LOVE my sister!

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