

WITESOL Writing and Art Contest

2022-2023 Winners



Theme: My Favorite Hobby

WITESOL Grand Prize Art Winner (K-2 Primary)

Cats, Cocoa, and Cuddling

By: Marjorie Bernardino



Note from Artist: In my free time I love cuddling with cats and drinking hot cocoa.

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WITESOL is very proud to recognize the student winners and award them cash prizes for their creativity and hard work. Winners were selected after a panel of judges anonymously reviewed and scored their work. All of the students are multilingual learners who work with an educator who is a WITESOL member. The student winners attend schools in different parts of the state, but for student safety we are not listing their school name or city.

Grand Prize for Art:

Marjorie Bernardino - Primary K-2

3-5 Art:

1st place: Xcaret Meyo Toxqui

K-2 Writing:

1st place: Yolivey Garcia

2nd place: Christopher Sanchez

3rd place: David Cervantes

6-8 Writing:

1st place: Jay Ann Adelantado Refuerzo

2nd place: Venushka Saravanan

K-2 Art:

1st place: Daleyza Gamillo Lira

6-8 Art:

1st place: Talya Masoud

3-5 Writing:

1st place: Tonkhua Daosuk

2nd place: Michell Duarte Rodriguez

3rd place: Victor Matute Diaz

9-12 Art:

1st place: Alirio Isaac Posas Mayorga

Adult Writing:

1st place: Isra Muhamed

1st Place Writing - Primary (Grades K-2)

It's Great to Skate

By: Yolivey Garcia

I love to rollerskate and rollerblade. I love it because I can go fast but sometimes I fall but I do not give up. I need a helmet and some wrist guards and some elbow pads and some knee pads to be safe. I need my skates too. I love to skate with music. Skating makes me happy. Rollerskating is the best hobby! It's great to skate!

2nd Place Writing - Primary (Grades K-2)

Riding My Bike

By: Christopher Sanchez

I like riding my bike. It is a fun hobby. I like to ride my bike with my sister. We go everywhere. I stop and get something to eat at the gas station with my sister. Then I went home. I ride my bike so fast. I feel happy. It is fun to ride my bike.

Soccer Player

By: David Cervantes

I like to play soccer. I can be like Cristiano Ronaldo because I can make a score like him. You can make two goals! In soccer I can get a special shirt. I like to train for soccer because I want to be very very more gooder at soccer. I will make a goal. I train to pass the ball. I will train to kick hard. I can win at soccer! It is a fun hobby!

1st Place Art - Primary (Grades K-2)

Walking in Nature

By: Daleyza Gamillo Lira



Note from Artist: My favorite hobby is walking in nature with my family and being outside with my pets.

1st Place Writing - Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

Two of my favorite hobbies are writing and reading about astronomy. This includes learning about the universe, galaxies, planets and stars. I combined my two hobbies to create this poem about Pluto.

The Lost Pluto

By: Tonkhoa Daosuk

Flowing, through time,
As I slowly walk through the universe
Everyone looks at me like I'm an outcast.
I am just a cramped space in this colossal place
Should I be shut out in a case?
I spin, I whirl
In this beautiful universe.

I see the stars and universe sparked bright as gold
I'm just like a block of coal
I am not to be seen, as I bawl
But at least someone finds me interesting,
The children on the Earth,
But I'm so far away
I'm so scared to be gone
How will I be seen?

Finally, I jump and shine!
Bright with satisfaction,
I have finally been seen!
I have been studying and finally shine, bright, and clean!
I forget about the sad day and how,
That I am delighted now!
I felt a great warmth to my face
I was finally included to the outer space!
But then they start to decide,
That I should not be in this side,
Sad days came back, and I started to shed tears, I felt a deep sadness inside.
I fell and started to have snow,
And my heart started to
crumble
When I was covered with snow,
I was excluded from this show.

And now I was quite lonely,
But I met some other of my kind,
I met Eris, MakeMake, Haumea, and Ceres.
I was told that they felt the way as I did,
I am still filled with snow and sadness.
I thought maybe this is how it all ends
I will be devastated,
Forever...

Making Music

By: Michell Duarte Rodriguez

“Fu, fu, fu, fu, fu,” plays my recorder.

“La, la, la, la,” I sing.

I love music! In music you can learn to play the recorder. It is really fun. I feel happy when I learn more about the recorder. I love music because it's fun to play music and you can sing songs. I really really love music. I like music because I can play music games with my friends. I love music because you can have so much fun with music. I love music because you can dance with your friends and because sometimes you can have a music party. I love music because it is really fun to sing, dance, and have a music party. Music makes me happy. Music is my favorite hobby!

Super Soccer

By: Victor Matute Diaz

Pass! Pass! Goal! I love soccer! Soccer is my favorite hobby as I love to play it and watch it. I don't know how, but I am good at soccer. My favorite soccer player is Cristiano Ronaldo. I like him as a player because my dad loves Ronaldo and I do too. I love soccer because when I was three years old my dad sometimes went to play soccer. I wanted to do that too. I think my dad is one of the best soccer players. I want to be like him. Maybe I can have the World Cup trophy one day? It is fun to play soccer. I love soccer and it is a good hobby.

1st Place Art - Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

Art Workshop

By: Xcaret Meyo Toxqui



1st Place Writing - Middle School (Grades 6-8)

A Poem: Stopping to See the Sun Set on a Summer Day

By: Jay Ann Adelantado Refuerzo

The sun sets on a summer day,

It comes out on Wednesday,

And sometimes on Tuesday,

It is peaceful like an ocean.

The sunset is beautiful when sinking into the sea

The view of the sunset is so lovely you feel free

I want to watch the sunset because it makes me feel better

The sunset is at the same time of day in every weather.

Sunsets represent a moment of reflection for the day's events,

Once you are more comfortable with structured reflection,

Sunsets are so marvelous and even the sun itself watches it every day,

Sunsets are proof that no matter what happens every day can end beautifully.

2nd Place Writing - Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Sea Shell

By: Venushka Saravanan

My hobby is to collect sea shells,
I wander in the ocean,
To see you on the nation,
To make you as my fashion, and
Shine me for the occasion.
I won't sell you in the auction,
Because you are my passion.

1st Place Art - Middle School (Grades 6-8)

My Velvet Hand

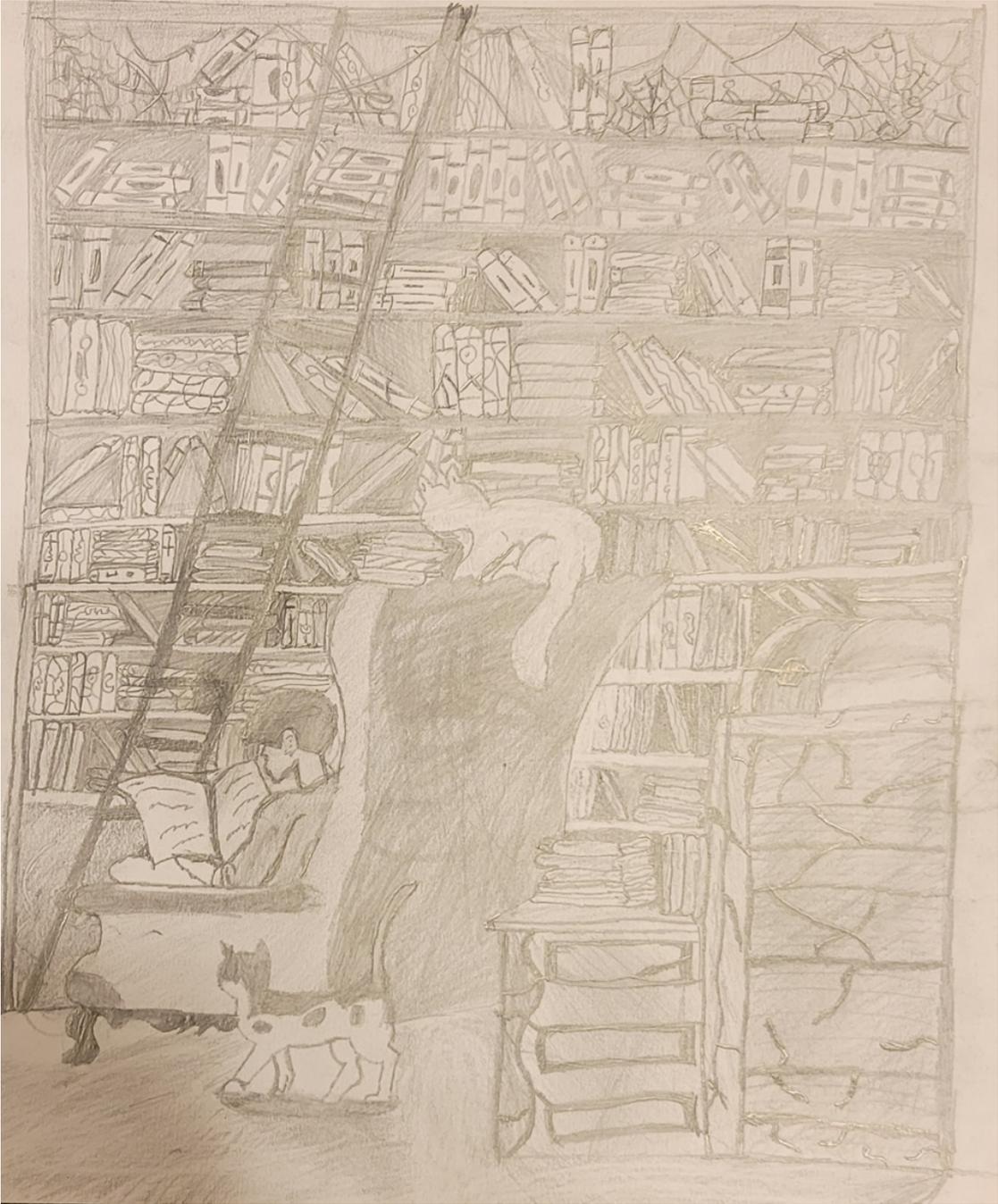
By: Talya Masoud



1st Place Art - High School (Grades 9-12)

My Favorite Hobby

By: Alirio Isaac Posas Mayorga



My Favorite Hobbies

By: Isra Muhamed

I have two hobbies. I enjoy reading and I like to paint. I do some things before I do my hobbies. For example before I start reading, I like to bring some cakes and juice then I start reading, and for painting before I start I should choose colors that I want to use. I have reasons to like painting and reading. I don't like to see white picture. Colors give beauty for the picture and for our life. I think white picture looks like empty life. There is Arabic song say "life's magic appears when we see colors. White and black created so we can notice other colors." And for reading I think when you watch film, you watch the scene that the director wants you to see. That makes you can't imagine other scenes. But when you read you make your brain imagine what you like not what other like. The common idea for my hobbies is to share. That means usually I like read novels with my fiancé. Actually he doesn't like to read or paint, but he enjoys listening to me when I tell him stories. When I finish painting I show him what I did, and when I read novel chapter I tell him what I read. Then we talk about what we think. Sharing my hobbies makes me happy. I will never stop reading and painting in future.