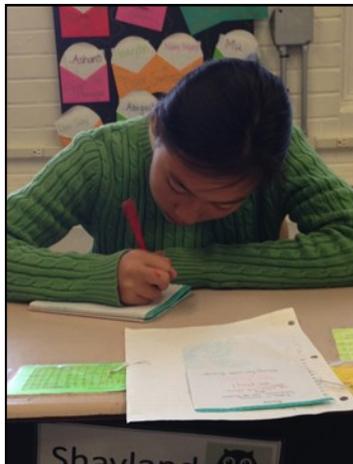




# Grace Ink.

*Stories and Poems from  
the Students of Grace Academy*

Spring, 2014



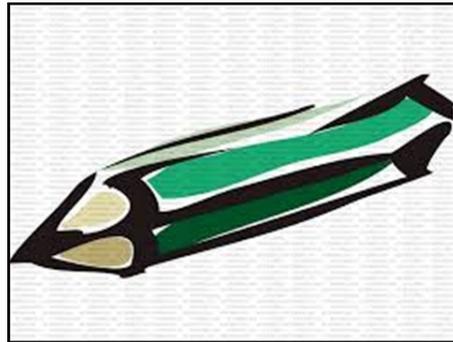


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And featuring artwork from a selection of Grace Academy artists:

Nyay Nyay Aye, Julitza Garcia, Paw Say Htoo, Heavyhn Kimber,  
Thalia Ortiz, Ester Paw, Taina Iluminada Rodriguez, and Dayanara Vega

# **ORANGE**

**By Kierrah Harris**



**I am orange,**

**The color of fire.**

**When I ignite, my blaze burns bright.**

**Orange, the color of goldfish swimming in the sea,**

**So calmly and innocently.**

**A fruit stole my name,**

**But I have no shame**

**Because...**

**I am orange**

# Watercolors



Paw Say Htoo, Grade 6



Heavyhn Kimber, Grade 6

# Rainy

By Mu Kue



Today is raining,  
Tomorrow will be another  
Day.

We sleep,  
We relax,  
and...  
We play!

Another day comes,  
And out comes the sun.  
We go outside  
With friends  
And have FUN!

# When you led me into this world

By Taina Iluminada Rodriguez

(Inspired by Tabatha Cosme)



When you led me into this world, I was shy

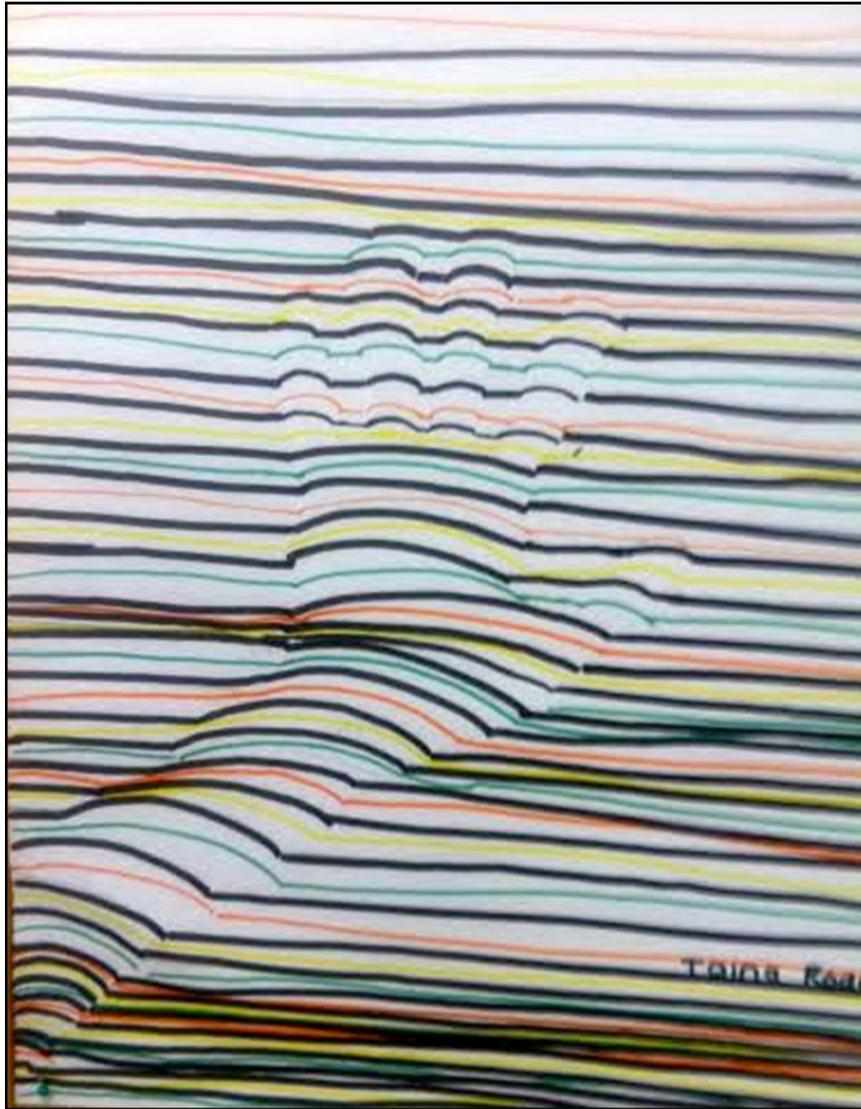
When you led me into this world, you were my leader

When you led me into this world, I knew I had to be yours

When you led me into this world, I knew that we were going

to be together forever

## Op Art Hand Drawing



By Taina Iluminada Rodriguez, Grade 5

# **My Parent**

**By Pawta Shu**

My parent is my hero.  
My parent made me to be strong and brave.  
My parent told me to start with little goals  
And then work toward big goals.

You might think  
That your parents are being  
Too strict with you  
But,  
They're only trying to make you work hard  
So you can get a good job.

Once, my parent told me,  
Study hard, so you can get a good education.

I'll never forget my parent's words.

My parent is a person that I love and trust.

## Pop Art Leaf



By Julitza Garcia, Grade 8

## Silly Trees

By Genesis Del Valle

Trees come in all sizes  
and are filled with all types of surprises.

They can be wide

with an edge

and a side.

They can grow flowers

in a couple of hours.

# Emotions

By Kierrah Harris

I am calm and nothing can set me off,

I am always settled and never disturbed,

I am always at ease,

So can you tell me, please,

What emotion am I?

Peace

~



# Green + Blue

By Pawta Shu



Green is beautiful

When you go outside, green is everywhere.

Leaves are green,

Grass is green.

Blue is beautiful

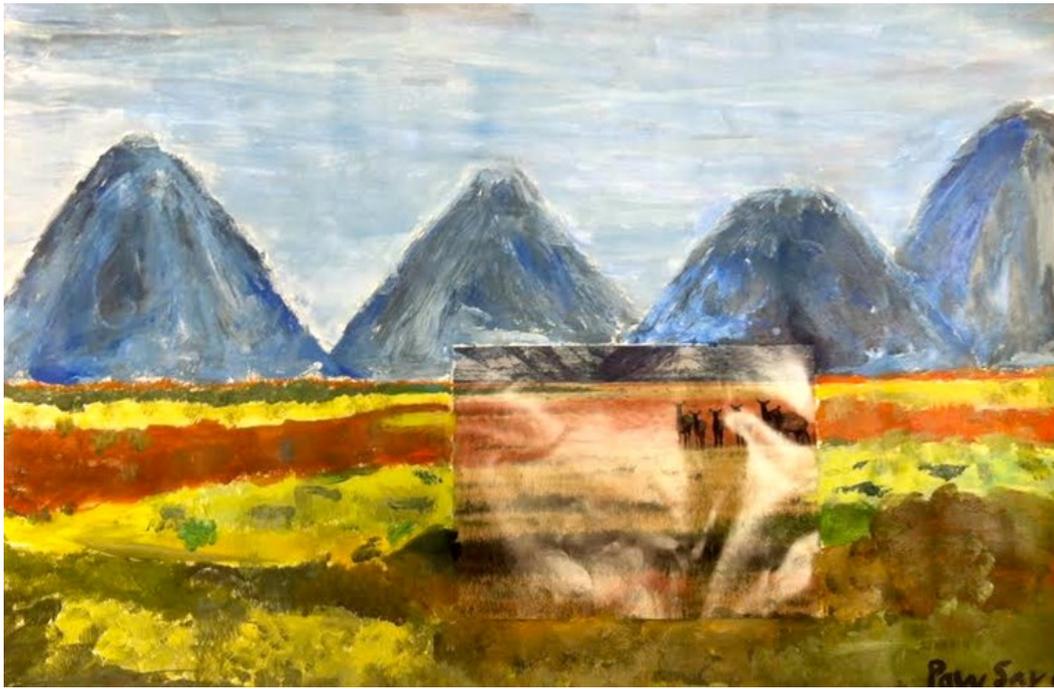
When you go outside, blue is everywhere.

Skies are blue,

Oceans are blue.

Blue + Green = Nature

## Magazine Landscapes



By Paw Say Htoo, Grade 6



By Nyay Nyay Aye, Grade 6

# **A Woman**

By Genesis Del Valle



I am a woman

Not just any woman

I stand up for my rights

Even if I have to fight

With words

In a peaceful, non-violent way

Because if I fight with violence

It will be a waste of time

# PINK

By Mu Kue



I am Pink

Sweet like lemonade

Playful as a pink pig

A joyful color

My friend's sister's favorite

Yummy cotton candy

Strawberry lip-gloss

Blooming tulips

Everywhere there is pink

Don't you think?

## **In The Distance**

By Taina Iluminada Rodriguez

In the distance, I see a woman

In the distance, I see a girl

In the distance, I see a man

In the distance, I see a boy

In the distance, I see a family

In the distance, I see baby's first steps

In the distance, I see love at first sight

In the distance, I see life

### **Pointillism Heart**



By Thalia Ortiz, Grade 7

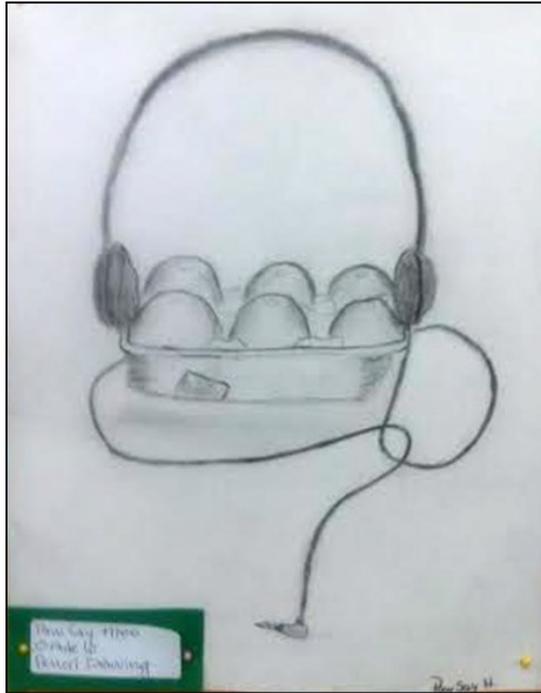
## PLEASANT PINK TREE

By Kierrah Harris



A pleasant pink tree, I see.  
It's so beautiful, it fills me with glee.  
With its bent branches and pink flowers,  
I could admire its beauty for hours.  
The bees quietly but constantly buzz.  
I believe that they do this because...  
It's a pleasant pink tree they see.  
It's surrounded by beautiful, purple flowers.  
No wonder they buzz around it for hours.  
It's a pleasant pink tree we see,  
A pleasant pink tree.

## Combination Drawing



By Paw Say Htoo, Grade 6



By Dayanara Vega, Grade 6

# **I Wish**

By Pawta Shu

I wish I could be the smartest  
Girl in the world.

I wish I had power  
So I could save people and make  
People happy.

I wish I could go to every place  
On the earth.

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I'm not the smartest  
Girl in the world,  
But at least  
I think I'm smart enough.

Nobody has power,  
Neither do I,  
But at least  
I make people happy.

I think I won't  
Get to go  
To every place  
On the earth,  
But at least  
I'm with my family.  
I'm happy.

## About the Authors



Hi, my name is **Genesis Del Valle**. I was born in New York and raised in Hartford, Connecticut. My favorite sport is soccer, and my hobby is to cook and clean the house. I like to help people when they are in need, because that is something that makes me feel good and confident about myself. I like to read, and teach younger kids that are interested in painting, drawing and creating things. This is what I do in my spare time. I like writing about the things around me and things that happen in everyday life.



Hi, My name is **Kierrah Harris** and I am an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Grace Academy. I was born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut by my mother. I enjoy activities such as reading and traveling. The next place on my list of places to travel to is California. I currently participate in soccer, but I have also played sports such as volleyball, lacrosse, and golf. My favorite colors are blue and orange. I have one brother and one sister. My favorite movie of all time is the original "Peter Pan." I really enjoyed the time that I spent in Writing Club this quarter.



Hi, my name is **Mu Kue**. I'm in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Grace Academy. I live in Hartford, Connecticut with my family, but I'm originally from Thailand. During my free time, I like to go outside and play sports with my neighbors. Sometimes, when I get bored, I will listen to music or read an interesting book from school. I'm a shy and quiet person, but sometimes I get loud, you never know. When I grow up, my dream is to become a soccer player or a traveler who takes pictures of objects and places. I like all sports, because they are fun to play, but my favorite sport is soccer. My favorite color is green, because I like nature and all the plants that surround me. I like it here at Grace Academy because I learn new things each day and it's a really interesting new experience.



My name is **Taina Iuminada Rodriguez** and I am currently 11 years old. I was born in New Jersey, but raised in Hartford, Connecticut. I go to school at Grace Academy. This is my first year. I am in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I have four older siblings. My family is spread all over the globe. My brother, who lives in Orlando, Florida, is a father of two cute kids. When I grow up, I plan on being an ASPCA officer. I care a lot about animals and about the less fortunate. I have donated my hair to Locks of Love twice to help people make wigs for people who have cancer. I love to write. I hope to follow in my father's footsteps and become a writer. My favorite kind of writing is poetry. Well that's all for now! See ya!



Hi! My name is **Pawta Shu** and I'm in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I came to Hartford when I was 7 years old. I've been here about 7 years. I am from Thailand. When I first came to America, I didn't know how to speak English and I didn't know what people were saying. After a few years, I learned how to speak English really well. In my old school, I didn't have a lot of friends, but since I moved to Grace Academy, I have a lot of friends. I learn a lot at Grace Academy. When I grow up, I want to be a pediatric nurse. My favorite sports are basketball and soccer. My favorite color is blue. My favorite word is love. I am a funny person, that's me!

# Have a Creative Summer!



Ester Paw, Grade 5

**June, 2014**