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**Addison Conaboy** Jaelyn Morris Sophie Sharo

Echo Deva Picone			
	Fall - fall - what do you hear?		
	Leaves are crashing everywhere.		
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Tyler O'Neill			
	Leaves fall on the ground.		
	Yet there is no sound.		
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Tannah Graba			
	I like fall it makes me smile.		
	I am sad it is only here a little while!		
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Marissa Padilla			
	Fall - fall the leaves are falling,		
	All because, winter is calling.		
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David Price			
	In fall the leaves change colors.  It's almost time to get under the covers!!!		
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Joseph Ozeriansky	The leaves ware areahing down		
	The leaves were crashing down in the fall,		
	Making a pile very tall.		
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Kaitlyn Conklin	**********		
Kareryn Commin	The fall leaves smile at me,		
	When they fall from the tree.		
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Emily Frey			
, ,	Fall is here it's time for fun.		
	Let's run in the leaves and		
	have a ball!!		
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David Reed			
	In October I will scream!		
	Because it is almost Halloween!		
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Dominick Bucca			
	When leaves are dying,		
	Trees are crying!		
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Rowyn Dubenezic	
nowyn Basenezie	Leaves, leaves I love leaves
	especially when they fall off
	the trees!
	the trees:
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Alana Padilla	
7 dana Faania	Leaves fall from the trees.
	Leaves float through the breeze.
	Leaves float till oagif the breeze.
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Vinnie Montero	
viiiile Montero	The leaves wave,
	They change to yellow.
	The trees look at me HELLO!!
	THE trees look at the Hello!!
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Joshua Lamour	
Joshua Lamoui	Leaves are falling,
	What will I do?
	I need some help!
	Oh! What will I do?
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Jack Cabrera	
Jack Cablela	Laguas are turning
	Leaves are turning
	yellow, orange and red.
	Hurry up bear it's time for bed.
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Kelly Banfield- 6P Grade 6 – Mrs. Penner	
Footprints	
	Footprints in the mud
	Footprints in the mud,
	With flowers about to bud
	Footprints in the grass
	Footprints in the grass,
	With a scorching hot mass
	Footprints in the leaves
	Footprints in the leaves, With the warmth as it leaves
	with the warmth as it leaves
	Footprints in the snow
	Footprints in the snow, With the footprints that go.
	with the footprints that go.
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Joshua Mornick Grade 6 – Mrs. Penner The Tree

An eerie breeze flows through the trees. The black crow crows, crows and crows. But one of these trees still stands strong, still singing its victory song.

"Me, Me, Me," the tree still standing strong, still singing my victory song.

"Me, Me Me," the tree still standing today, when everyone else has gone away.

I am not strong, nor am I weak, still standing strong, still singing my victory song. I am the one still standing today, when everyone else has faded away.

Alive, Alive, I am today, when everyone else has gone away, when everyone else has gone, gone away.

Now my leaves have fallen and my time is set; time to go with them, lying in regret.

From the harshest of winters to the warmth of spring, I have survived; I am alive.

Now say goodbye to the blue skies above, and to the little squirrel whom I love.

"Me, Me, Me," the tree still standing, still standing strong, still singing my victory song, still singing my song all day long.

Spinning like an Autumn leaf, bound to hit bottom sometime.

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Kelcie Mannon - Inspired by Cynthia Rylant, author of <u>In November</u> Grade 6 – Mrs. Penner October

October is crisp.

The cool, but not quite cold air tingles your skin.
October is crimson, bronze, orange and gold.
October tastes sweet.
Maple-y air on your tongue.
October is for pumpkins, carved or bare, sitting on your doorstep, out to share.
In October there are costumes, scary and pretty-Ghosts and goblins, princesses and fairies,
Bags in hands.

In October, candy is demanded.
That naughty October! November is given tummy aches!
Tired kids, skin stung from face paint.
Costumes that need special care.
New coats to buy for chilly kids to wear.
October gets everything- holidays, seasons change.
October is cool, sweet and scary, wonderful.

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Daniel Pitsch - Inspired by Cynthia Rylant, author of In November Grade 6 – Mrs. Penner October

In October, the sun becomes lazier.

At only 7:30, he yawns and calls for the moon to do his shift. After the long months of July and June, the sun decides to rest for next year.

In October, the firewood is ordered, and on especially chilly, frosty days, the humans warm up by huddling along the fireplace. With pie and cider, they have a feast.

In October, the windbreakers come out, with cobwebs and reluctant creepy-crawlies still perched on them. In October, the sweaters get the call after the windbreakers, and the jackets after that. It will be a long three months for them before they get to hibernate again.

On the last days of October, the ghouls come out, followed by the mummies, zombies, Marios and Batmans. They roam the streets, calling for candy. Their swords and weapons are being replaced by bags of sweets.

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Jordana War Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo & Mrs. Cappitelli Nature is Everywhere

Crunching leaves beneath our feet
Cold winds against our face
Dead trees standing still.
The smell of pine trees in the air
Trees wishing for winter's end
Vines crawling up the tree

Horses graze in their field with a sneaky cat at their hooves.

The barn with the animals all nice and warm

The sound of water under the bridge

Crows in the fields

Wishing I saw an abandoned house.
It would be brick with vines crawling up it, with one candle light in the window.
The curtains would be moving back and forth with nothing in it but a small black cat.

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Hannah Kling - inspired by William Carlos Williams Grade 6 – Mrs. Motzenbecker The Teacher

So much depends upon a teacher

in the classroom holding a book

while reading to listening and alert students.

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Jessica DeSanto Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo & Mrs. Cappitelli Nature in November

The cold air blows my hair back Silence.
Pure, black silence.

The trees are bare, all lonely and brown. It seems as if they give me a frown.

> Clang, clang, clang goes the hammer breaking the silence.

The soccer goals are gone, now it's just grass.

A little cat crosses through the horses stable, but the horses pay no attention.

The crows make their ugly, dreadful sound.

Everything looks beautiful, but dull and dark at the same time.

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Kein Dimaculangan Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo & Mrs. Cappitelli The Park

Feeling the cold breeze in the park
See crows saying "Let's go to the south,
Let's go to the south,
Let's go to the south."
Softly it echoes to my ears
Like the wind blows

Seeing trees turning to pieces of bones Seeing leaves pile around like the ocean Hearing all children playing, running, and walking Like thunder.

Seeing a leaf falling down like a new born turtle that is trying going to the sea.

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Joshua Mornick - Inspired by William Carlos Williams Grade 6 – Mrs. Penner The Lighthouse

> So much depends on the white lighthouse Coated with the salty spray of the sea Beside the lighted city In the eerie glow of the night sky.

Henry Rios Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo & Mrs. Cappitelli The Group Walk

How many things can you see, hear, touch, taste, and smell? I can find a lot.

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Jamison Piatt Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo & Mrs. Cappitelli The Nature of November

I feel a mid-autumn chill,
Nature's Warmth
I hear crows cawing before flight,
An early worker banging his hammer,
And the fallen leaves rustling in the wind.

Sight reveals the beautiful horses, Next to an old brick house on the farm

I see the curious birds in the vast fields, Hiding in the tall grass, They must be leaving soon.

I see the clouds blocking the sun-But the sky still shines. And the pathways in the fields, With many places to go.

A cozy autumn scene indeed, The hills, chills, and bare trees, The winter's on its way.

A fresh smell spreads across the land, And the sun peeks out of the clouds. Warmth is here, But only for a while, The clouds cover up with mist and breezes.

A beautiful season is finally here.

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Gabby Sizemore Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo & Mrs. Cappitelli December

The cold breeze fills the air,
And sparkling white crystal snow replaces the grass.
The smell of pine fills the house,
And glass ornaments
And colored lights twinkle on the tree.

Pretty boxes rest under the tree
While you are sleeping.
When you wake up,
You race downstairs,
And stare at glistening presents
And smell of hot cocoa.

Clothes, books, and shoes
Fill the room.
No more shorts or tank tops;
Just sweatpants and sweaters.
Eating a roasted chicken
With mashed potatoes and corn
Giving you a perfect taste in every bite.

Then it ends,
And all are sad.
But, it will come next year.
I promise you that.

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Grace Luster Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo & Mrs. Cappitelli December- Wonderland of Dreams

The month is green, red, and gold.
Gray puffs of smoke float
Through the sky.

Bright colors surround white houses And carolers knock on my door. Frostbite chills my toes as I shovel the cold, white snow.

At last, time to sleep-No more troubles in my dreams. But wait, one more thing I'll fill a cup and put cookies on a plate; Now there's no more trouble In winter wonderland.

I wake. I check under
The tree- there's color on
Boxes with bows.
Oh, thank you
Wherever you are.
This is a very special day.

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Lauren Anderson Grade 6 – Mrs. Motzenbecker The Park

Walking on the pavement
seeing the rocks bunched up with all different colors and shapes
beneath my moving feet,
Seeing a dog on the lawn, asleep
The trees gently swaying above
Smelling the fresh, clean, crisp air distracting my nose,
I feel the wind beneath my notebook pages, almost like a person flipping through a book.
A park bench waiting for someone to sit and enjoy the scenery.

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Hannah Kling – inspired by William Carlos Williams Grade 6 – Mrs. Motzenbecker Be Kind

So much depends upon one person who says kind words and thinks kind thoughts.

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Samantha Dugan Grade 6 – Mrs. Mitch Treat Trends

It's something you see every day. It's wonderful on holidays. So you have to have a favorite. Mrs. Dugan prefers something caught fresh out of the ocean, but Luke prefers breakfast sandwiches. What do you prefer?

My name is Samantha Dugan and I have recently interviewed and taken a survey on what the Dugan family's favorite foods were.

The first trend I saw was seafood, led by Mrs. Dugan and myself. Mrs. Dugan's favorite food is lobster. She says this is her favorite because it is absolutely delicious and we have it at Christmas. She ate it all the time when she was a kid. I swam in with crab as my favorite. It is mouthwatering when Mom cooks it.

Mornings are always great with a good breakfast. Luke and Mikayla both picked morning meals that I also think are delicious. Luke picked a hot pocket which is a breakfast wrap that has gooey cheese and savory ham. Mmmm, good. Mikayla picked a bagel, which she prefers with cream cheese. She says toasted is better because the bread is softer and fluffier.

Mr. Dugan had one of the healthiest foods out of the bunch. He chose grilled chicken because he brings it to work. It is easy to make, and I agree, it is pretty good.

So, I guess for Norie, the dog, plain dog food is fine, maybe some carrots.

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Meryn McFarland Grade 6 – Mrs. Casserly The House on Bryans Road

Peaceful. Calm. I live on a quiet little street with a serene surrounding; a woods across the street. Not many cars go by, but that makes it even better. When I look outside, I see a beige house, a purple door, and purple shutters. I see birds on the bird feeder eating their food. I see a walkway that leads up to the door. Seasons will come and go, but nothing will replace my feeling of my safe haven.

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Noah Fink Grade 6 – Mrs. Mitch The House on Rymon Road

I've been with this house since I was born. This house is older than me. The front porch waiting for someone to sit. The front door waiting, standing, waiting for someone to swing it open. The windows waiting for a smiling face to look through. Also, the front yard greeting the people who come with an amazing view. When they walk in, they feel safe and welcome.

They go out to the backyard and listen to the birds chirping to a beautiful song. Some people sit on the deck and look at the trees and kids running, playing, laughing, and swimming.

Some people stay inside by the fireplace to stay warm. They also chat and watch TV while sipping a drink or eating a snack.

When they leave, the house dies down. The house, my family, and I get ready for bed. I feel safe in this house; so does my family, but I feel safer each day we live in it.

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Joshua Gorman Grade 6 - Mrs. Casserly Veterans

Vows are made by army men

Every time a veteran dies and is unknown
The body goes into a tomb

Every soul is tenderly cared for
Right down to the core
And no person is left behind
Now they may lie in peace

Skylar Warren Grade 6 - Mrs. Motzenbecker What Patriotism Mean to Me

Whoosh. Whoosh. Waving in the wind, the flag on your house smoothly billows. You can show patriotism in many ways. From leaving flowers at a passed-on soldier's gravestone to being the soldier in war risking your life for the nation you love. Let me tell you more.

I think patriotism is about taking pride in your nation with loyalty and love. To show Patriotism, in my opinion, is to be willing to devote yourself and to sacrificing your life for freedom, rights and independence.

Showing patriotism doesn't mean you have to go to war though. You can hang a flag or write a thank-you letter to a veteran. Respect yourself, family friends and surroundings by being grateful for all of the rights and freedom you have.

I remember when last week a group of people drew 9,000 people in the sand. It started with two people drawing in the sand, and then more and more people started to join in. They had to start at low tide because soon all of their work would be gone. This was all at Normandy beach.

There are many symbols of patriotism. You can see them all around you; the Statue of Liberty or the flag at the front of your school. People show patriotism every day. There are even patriotic songs. For example some songs are, "America the Beautiful", and the National Anthem.

I remember when we had a red, white and blue day at school. Our entire school wore the colors of the flag. Also, every morning when we hand the flag, or pledge our allegiance and sing a patriotic song, my school shows patriotism. My mom was showing patriotism when she donated money to the fire department. My older cousin showed patriotism when he volunteered at the fire department. My friend's dad showed patriotism when he went to war. So did my grandfather when he went to war. My dad was being patriotic when he was working as a detective. Many people are patriotic and they don't even know it. Anything that you can do to make our country stronger and better shows patriotism.

Whoosh. Whoosh. How are you patriotic?

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Noah Fink
Grade 6 – Mrs. Mitch
What Patriotism Means to Me

Patriotism is an amazing word to me. When I think about it, it just blows my mind. Patriotism's meaning to me is when you love your land and are thankful for the people who gave it to you. Just think for a second, if those people didn't fight for our land, America, we wouldn't be here where we are standing right now. I know that everybody has a reason to be happy right now. Even some people that aren't Americans come live here in America. They trust this land to get them a home, to get them a home, to get them a reason to be happy. That has to feel good for the people who fought because not only did they fight for us, they also fought for other people too from all over the world to come live here today. We also had times that hurt us. Like when they knocked down the beautiful twin towers and caused many heartbreaks and lives lost. That did not stop us. Did they knock down the towers? Yes, but they did not knock down our spirit? Did they knock our pride? Most importantly, did it knock our flag? It was a hard time but that doesn't mean to give up ever. Even if it is something different. You could think did America ever give up? No! So, that doesn't mean you should. For example, at Normandy Beach 9,000 people died including civilians and soldiers. So two artists decided to etch all the bodies in the sand on the beach. Those two people got 598 more people to join them. The people were all ages. That shows patriotism. That's also my meaning of patriotism. I hope there is a way that you can share your patriotism and have great ideas like the Normandy Beach or even just think about it. Patriotism is a great thing and everybody can have it.

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Alina Pringle Grade 6 – Mrs. Galoppo / Mrs. Cappitelli What Patriotism Means to Me

Patriotism. Such a beautiful word used for a phenomenal purpose. Patriotism is independence, allegiance, liberty and justice. So join us, whether you are far away or standing with me, help us celebrate our beautiful nation, with hope in our eyes and love in our souls.

Our freedom in the United States of America is very important to us. If it weren't for the men and women who fought, we wouldn't have the rights that we have today.

Have you ever wondered why they spread huge flags at football games? Or why we sing the Star-Spangled Banner in the morning? The citizens of America do this to give thanks and love to those who died during war or returned safely home to their families.

What do I think patriotism means? It means to help give veterans pride and honor by celebrating them. Even the little things, like hanging a flag in your own backyard, are patriotic. To the big things, like the 9,000 bodies etched into the low-tide beach in Normandy, France; this is patriotism put into action!

Our country has hope and freedom now. In every way possible, celebrate our heroic veterans. For they, they devoted everything they could to America.

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Julia Stiles Grade 6 – Mrs. Casserly What Patriotism Mean to Me

Patriotism is very important to me; it's a way to respect soldiers and veterans. The protect us, sacrifice their lives for us. I honor them for staying strong no matter what. I am very proud to be an American; I know I will live on knowing that I am protected by these brace people.

In the year of 1776 Betsy Ross made the first American flag. In the colors red, white and blue, the flag's stripes represent the thirteen original colonies and the stars stand for the fifty states. It is held high and we swear the flag will never touch the ground.

Fourth of July is celebrated along with Patriot's Day. Both of these holidays are memorials to the heroes who gave us freedom. We will be free as long as they keep fighting for our rights. We will be on the other side of the battle field as one nation, hoping you are alright.

We, the people wear read, white and blue colors to show our support to the families that worry everyday about family members in war. Some of those members never come back and it's sad. I know how they feel. They feel like their heart got ripped out. Those families are heroes too, they stay strong and never let go of hope.

Some people say they don't have delicious food to eat. Think about the people fighting for us. Do they have delicious food to eat? Think about the families who don't have their whole family together because they sacrificed a lot for our country. Think about how important patriotism is. Patriotism is a symbol, a symbol of care and support to the loved ones. You keep on fighting and we will keep on believing. This is America, America the brave.

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Christopher Columbus Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By William Barron

The most important thing about Christopher Columbus is that he sailed west to go east and discovered North and South America.

Columbus's dream was to become a sailor and prove the earth is round. Columbus thought his "short route" to the Far East would be two thousand four hundred miles. Actually, it was four times as far. Columbus and his crew sailed on three ships: the Nina, the Piñta, and the Santa Maria.

But, the most important thing about Christopher Columbus is that he sailed west to go east and discovered North and South America.

Ferdinand Magellan Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Michael Docherty

The most important thing about Ferdinand Magellan is that he and his men were the first to travel around the world.

Magellan was killed on April 27,1521 in a battle with the islanders of Mactan in the Phillipines. Magellan named the Pacific Ocean because it means calm. His ships were named Victoria, San Antonio, Trinidad, Concepcion, and Santiago.

But, the most important thing about Ferdinand Magellan is that he and his men were the first to travel around the world.

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Giovanni De Verrazano Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By: Emily Leidner

The most important thing about Giovanni De Verrazano is that he explored the eastern coast of North America from the Carolinas to Newfoundland.

Giovanni De Verrazano was born around 1485. While Verrazano was sailing in the Caribbean region, he was killed in a battle with the Indians. Although Giovanni was Italian, he sailed for France. Just like a lot of other explorers, Giovanni wanted to discover the Northwest Passage to China. Unfortunately, because it did not exist, he never found the passage.

But, the most important thing about Giovanni De Verrazano is that he explored the eastern coast of North America from the Carolinas to Newfoundland.

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Hernando De Soto Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Hannah DeVoe

The most important thing about Hernando De Soto is that he discovered and explored the Mississippi River in 1541.

De Soto was born about 1500 and died 1542. In 1525, De Soto took part in the conquest of Nicaragua. From 1539- 1542 he traveled through what is now Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

But, the most important thing about Hernando De Soto is that he discovered and explored the Mississippi River in 1541.

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Leif Erickson Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Anthony Perna

The most important thing about Leif Erickson is that he led a voyage in 1000 or 1001, and he found North America.

The Vikings said Leif Erickson was big, strong and intelligent. Leif Erickson found Vinland, Helluland, and Markland. Leif Erickson was born in 980 and died in 1025.

But, the most important thing about Leif Erickson is that he led a voyage in 1000 or 1001, and he found North America.

Sir Francis Drake Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Mike Ferroni

The most important thing about Sir Francis Drake is that he was the first Englishman to sail around the world. Drake was born in 1540 and died in 1596. He went to sea at the age of twelve or thirteen years old on a small trading ship. It took Sir Francis Drake three years to sail around the world.

But, the most important thing about Sir Francis Drake is that he was the first Englishman to sail around the world.

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Daniel Boone Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Robbie Warsen

The most important thing about Daniel Boone is that he built a Wilderness Road to Kentucky and named it Boonesborough. This allowed settlers to go to Kentucky.

Daniel Boone helped fight in the French and Indian War. He was captured by Indians four times, but always escaped. Boone continued to hunt even though he was in his eighties.

But, the most important thing about Daniel Boone is that he built a Wilderness Road to Kentucky and named it Boonesborough. This allowed settlers to go to Kentucky.

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Francisco Coronado Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By: Ellie Higgins

The most important thing about Francisco Coronado is that he searched for The Seven Cities of Cibola. He was the Governor of New Galicia in the year 1538. He recruited 300 Spanish soldiers and 1,000 Indian soldiers and servants for his expedition. He thought he found the City of Gold, but it was only a small town called Hawikuh.

But, the most important thing about Francisco Coronado is that he searched for The Seven Cities of Cibola.

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Henry Hudson Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Mason Bremer

The most important thing about Henry Hudson is that he found New York and has two bodies of water named after him, the Hudson Bay and the Hudson River.

Hudson had three sons and one of them went on all of his voyages with him. Hudson had two ships. One was the Half Moon, and the other was the Discovery. Hudson sailed as far as present day North Carolina. He also explored the Chesapeake Bay and the Delaware Bay.

But, the most important thing about Henry Hudson is that he found New York and has two bodies of water named after him, the Hudson Bay and the Hudson River.

Vasco Da Gama Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Jayni Caldwell

The most important thing about Vasco Da Gama is that he sailed around Africa to reach India, and he made Portugal one of the richest countries in Europe by trading with India.

In 1524, he became ruler to a colony in India, but died shortly after on December 24, 1524. Vasco Da Gama grew up in Portugal and became a good sailor and leader. Vasco Da Gama and his men traveled about 27,000 miles. They sailed four times as far Christopher Columbus did in 1492.

But, the most important thing about Vasco Da Gama is that he sailed around Africa to reach India, and he made Portugal one of the richest countries in Europe by trading with India.

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Francisco Pizarro Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Colin Volckmann

The most important thing about Francisco Pizarro is that he conquered the Incas, took all their gold, and won Peru for Spain.

He grew up in western Spain. Pizarro was one of the first people to see the Pacific Ocean! He was born the same time Christopher Columbus sailed.

But, the most important thing about Francisco Pizarro is that he conquered the Incas, took all their gold, and won Peru for Spain.

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Hernando Cortes HERNANDO CORTES Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Zachary Geta

The most important thing about Hernando Cortes is that he conquered the Aztecs and took their land and gold for Spain. The land was later named Mexico.

Cortes became a farmer owed large area of land and many Indians slaves in Hispaniola. He went to University of Salamanca age 14 to become a Lawyer. Cortes had 11 ships, 600 sailors, 20 horses, and 10 on cannons voyage.

But, the most important thing about Hernando Cortes is that he conquered the Aztecs and took their land and gold for Spain. The land was later named Mexico.

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John Cabot Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Grace Jordan

The most important thing about John Cabot is that he discovered Newfoundland and claimed it for England.

Three facts about John Cabot are that he was born around 1430 and died in 1498. His name in Italian was Giovanni Caboto, and he lived in Bristol, England in 1492.

There are many more facts about John Cabot, but the most important fact about John Cabot is that he discovered Newfoundland and claimed it for England.

Samuel de Champlain Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Tristan Lanfrank

The most important thing about Samuel de Champlain is that he founded Quebec City, Canada. Champlain traveled 20 more times across the Atlantic Ocean after his first trip to Newfoundland.

He helped start French settlements in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton Island, and western Maine. Champlain had to fight with the Huron and Iroquois Indians for territory in upper New York state and southern Ontario.

But, the most important thing about Samuel de Champlain is that he founded Quebec City, Canada.

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Vasco Nunez de Balboa Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Thomas Disbrow

The most important thing about Vasco Nuñez de Balboa is that he was the first person to see the Pacific Ocean while exploring the western coast of South America.

Balboa became an acting governor of Darien. He was born in Jeres De Los Caballes, Spain. On January 12, 1519, Balboa was falsely accused of treason and beheaded.

But, the most important thing about Vasco Nuñez de Balboa is that he was the first person to see the Pacific Ocean while exploring the western coast of South America.

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Jacques Cartier Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Frank Calabrese

The most important thing about Jacques Cartier is that he discovered Newfoundland and the Northern tip of Labrador. He claimed it for France.

It took twenty days to go from France to "The New World". He had a crew of sixty-two men. Cartier discovered the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In 1535, Cartier went back to explore. This time he had a bigger crew and three boats.

But, the most important thing about Jacques Cartier is that he discovered Newfoundland and the northern tip of Labrador. He claimed it for France.

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Ponce de Leon Grade 5 – Mrs. Baxendale By Michael Finke

The most important thing about Ponce de Leon was that he was the first Spaniard or European to discover Florida.

He fought many fierce battles with the Indians on his search for more land to claim for Spain. When the natives in the land he claimed talk about the Fountain of Youth, Ponce de Leon decided to go searching for it. Ponce de Leon was born in 1474 in San Servas, Spain. He died from a poisoned arrow wound to the knee in Havana, Cuba.

But, the most important thing about Ponce de Leon is that he was the very first Spaniard or European to discover Florida.

Letter J Poem by: John Shuler The jittery jaguar juggling jiggle jelly. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Letter F Poem by: Anthony Ferroni The fat fish fins flop funny. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Letter S Poem by: Nicole Zhang The small snake slithers around sliding smoothly to the pond to swim. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Letter D Poem by: Ava Frommelt

The dry dog ducked down by dad during dinner.

Letter L Poem by: Raina Teter

> The lime lizard leaped over lots of long logs.

Letter Poem by: Avery Haffner

> The purple panther purred for her purple pen and pink pillow.

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Letter P Poem by: Jaelyn Morris

> The peaceful pink panther polished her pink pretty pillow and pen.

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Letter S Poem by: Sophie Sharo

> The silly snake slithered and sang silly songs.

My Fish by: Addison Conaboy

My pet is a fish, my fish lives in a fish tank:

Her nose is as dark as night,

Her eyes are as small as a tiny bulb,

Her fins are as small as a rubber band,

My fish is as quiet as a clock ticking,

My fish breathes like a bubble machine,

Whenever I try to feed her she swims near the tank,

And I like it when she swims all over the tank,

I am so glad she belongs to me!

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My Favorite Animal by: Faith Oranye

I have a bunny for a pet who lives under my play set:

Her teeth are straight as a line,
Her breath smells like garbage,
Her laugh is as loud as a mouse,
Her footsteps sound like a quiet library,
Her eyes are as black as night,
Her skin feels like soft fur,
Her fingernails are like dirty socks,
Her hands are as small as spit balls,
And even though she's small, I am so glad
She belongs to me.

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My Adorable Kitten By: Peyton Bigelow

I have a kitten for a pet, who lives on my bed:
 Her teeth are a little as dots,
 Her breath smells like cat food,
 Her skin feels like fuzz,
 Her laugh is so adorable like a kitten,
 Her footsteps sound like raindrops.
 Her eyes are as blue as the sky,
 Her claws are as sharp as a knife,
 Her hands are as small as polka dots,
 And even though she scratches,
 I'm so glad she belongs to me.