

# Thank You, Ed White



We love  
your book,  
Foxy's Tale!  
Thank you  
for coming to  
visit our  
school in  
Endicott,  
New York!

**Ms. Camp's Third Grade Class  
Linnaeus W. West Elementary School  
Endicott, New York 13760  
April 8, 2003**

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Dear Mr. White,

We are a third grade class at Linnaeus W. West Elementary School in Endicott, NY. We are very excited about your visiting our school.

This year we are using graphic organizers to help us with our writing. For example, we learned how to use a Story Map to help us write a paragraph about “cause-and-effect” in a story. Also, we learned how to use a 4-Square graphic organizer to write a 5-paragraph essay.

We enjoyed your story, Foxy’s Tale, so much that we decided to use it for some of the types of writing that we have been learning. Together, we created a Story Map that shows how expectations of Foxy changed from the beginning to end of the of the story. We also planned a 5-paragraph letter to you using the 4-Square.

This book is a compilation of all the cause-effect paragraphs, and all of the letters to you, that each of the students in our class have written. Attached to each piece of writing is the graphic organizer that he/she used for planning his/her writing. Each student also created an illustration for your book.

We hope you enjoy our writing. We certainly enjoyed reading your book. It was very exciting. We talked about the “character traits” of Foxy, and decided that she is determined

(because she never gives up on her dream to be a champion sled dog), brave, and cheerful/optimistic (even when things happen that she doesn't want to happen, she makes the best of it and becomes happy with it). We didn't have time to write our "character trait paragraphs" for you!

Thank you again for coming. It is very exciting for us.

Sincerely,

Ms. Camp's Class  
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Linnaeus W. West School  
Endicott, NY 13760

Mr. White,

This page describes the “recipe” that we use for writing our “cause-and-effect” paragraph. The next page shows how we turn our Story Map into a paragraph.

### Our Generic Recipe for a Paragraph in Response to Literature

Order	Sentence	Job
1	Introductory Sentence	The “main idea” of the whole paragraph - state what the paragraph is going to be generally about. This sentence may introduce the title of the story, name of a character, and/or the setting.
2	Beginning of the story	Depending on the purpose of the paragraph, this may be the problem, the “ <b>before a change</b> ,” or a character trait.
3	Events (middle of story)	Provide evidence that supports the purpose (how to get from the beginning to the end - from the problem to the solution, from before the change to after the change, etc.)
4	Ending of the story	Depending on the purpose of the paragraph, this may be the solution, the “ <b>after a change</b> ,” etc.
5	Concluding Sentence	To tie back to the Introductory Sentence. To restate the message or purpose of the paragraph.

# Turning the Story Map into a Paragraph

**1** Introductory Sentence

**2** Beginning

**4** Ending

**3** Middle: The Supporting Details (the Events, the Proof)  
- copy from back

**5** Concluding Sentence (tie back to Introductory Sentence)

**Purpose of Paragraph**

Cause - Effect

**Title:** Foxy's Tale

**Characters?**

**Setting?**

BEFORE

AFTER

List the EVENTS on the back.

An example Introductory Sentence:

In the story, Foxy's Tale by Ed White, a dog in Alaska named Judy changes into a sled dog named Foxy.

An example Concluding Sentence:

As you can see, Foxy went from being the runt of her family to a champion sled dog. (suggested by a student)

**Purpose:** Cause – Effect

**Title:** Foxy's Tale

**Characters?**

Foxy–Judy  
Michael, Rosie, Kelly,  
Kelly's mom & dad

**Setting?**

Alaska, Dog Pen at  
Michael's house,  
Kelly's house, the lake,  
the track

BEFORE

In the beginning, nobody thought Judy would be a sled dog because she was small.

AFTER

At the end, Foxy became a world champion sled dog.

**List the EVENTS on the back.**

## EVENTS

1. Judy's first owner, Michael, gave Judy to a girl named Kelly.
2. Kelly's family changed Judy's name to Foxy.
3. Kelly took Foxy onto the frozen lake so she could practice pulling a sled.
4. Foxy had an accident and had to learn how to run again.
5. While Foxy was recovering, she had a dream about her mom that gave her confidence about being a sled dog.
6. Foxy, Kelly, and Kelly's dad practiced to be in a sled dog race.
7. Even though she lost the first race, she won many of the races after that including the Junior World Championship.

Example first sentence: My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

## About me

Class-generated ideas:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 or 9 years old & in third grade \_\_\_\_\_
- like illustrating The Hobbit \_\_\_\_\_
- like football, baseball, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
- have (had) a dog named... \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 2

Example first sentence: My favorite part of Foxy's Tale is when...

## Favorite part

Class-generated scenes for favorite parts & illustrations:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosie comes at the end. \_\_\_\_\_
- Foxy Racing \_\_\_\_\_
- Foxy winning the race. \_\_\_\_\_
- Foxy's accident \_\_\_\_\_
- Judy at Michael's house \_\_\_\_\_
- In Kelly's backyard \_\_\_\_\_
- Foxy on the frozen lake \_\_\_\_\_
- Jumping over the fence \_\_\_\_\_
- Kelly taking Judy home \_\_\_\_\_
- Foxy sleeping at Kelly's \_\_\_\_\_
- Foxy takes a short cut \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 3

### Paragraph 1 (Introduction)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ that you are  
visiting our school.

Class-generated choices:  
glad, happy, excited,  
delighted, thrilled

Example first sentence: I have \_\_\_\_ questions for you.

## Questions

Class-generated ideas:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- How do Rosie and Foxy do racing together? \_\_\_\_\_  
(What happens after the story is over?)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- What did you like about living in Alaska? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- What was your favorite part of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph 4

(Conclusion) Paragraph 5

Thank you for coming  
to our school.



Our Letters to  
Mr. White about  
Foxy's Tale

(Using the 4-Square)

To see our Cause-Effect Paragraphs about  
Foxy's Tale, go the Story Map Writing section.

## About Me ✓

- ✓ 9 3th my name is Michaela
- ✓ I had a dog
- ✓ I like Foxy's tale

## Favorite Part

when Foxy is a sled dog racing

- ✓ Foxy is excited
- ✓ Foxy is Fast
- Foxy winning the race

I am delighted that you are visiting our School

## question

- ✓ Did Foxy do the Iditarod
- ✓ Did Rose and Foxy raced with each other
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Thank you for  
coming to visit our  
School

Michaela

Dear Mr. White, xul7103

I am delighted that you are visiting our school. My name is Michaela and I am 9 years old and I am 3th grade. I had a dog named Sampson. I like Foxy's Tale.

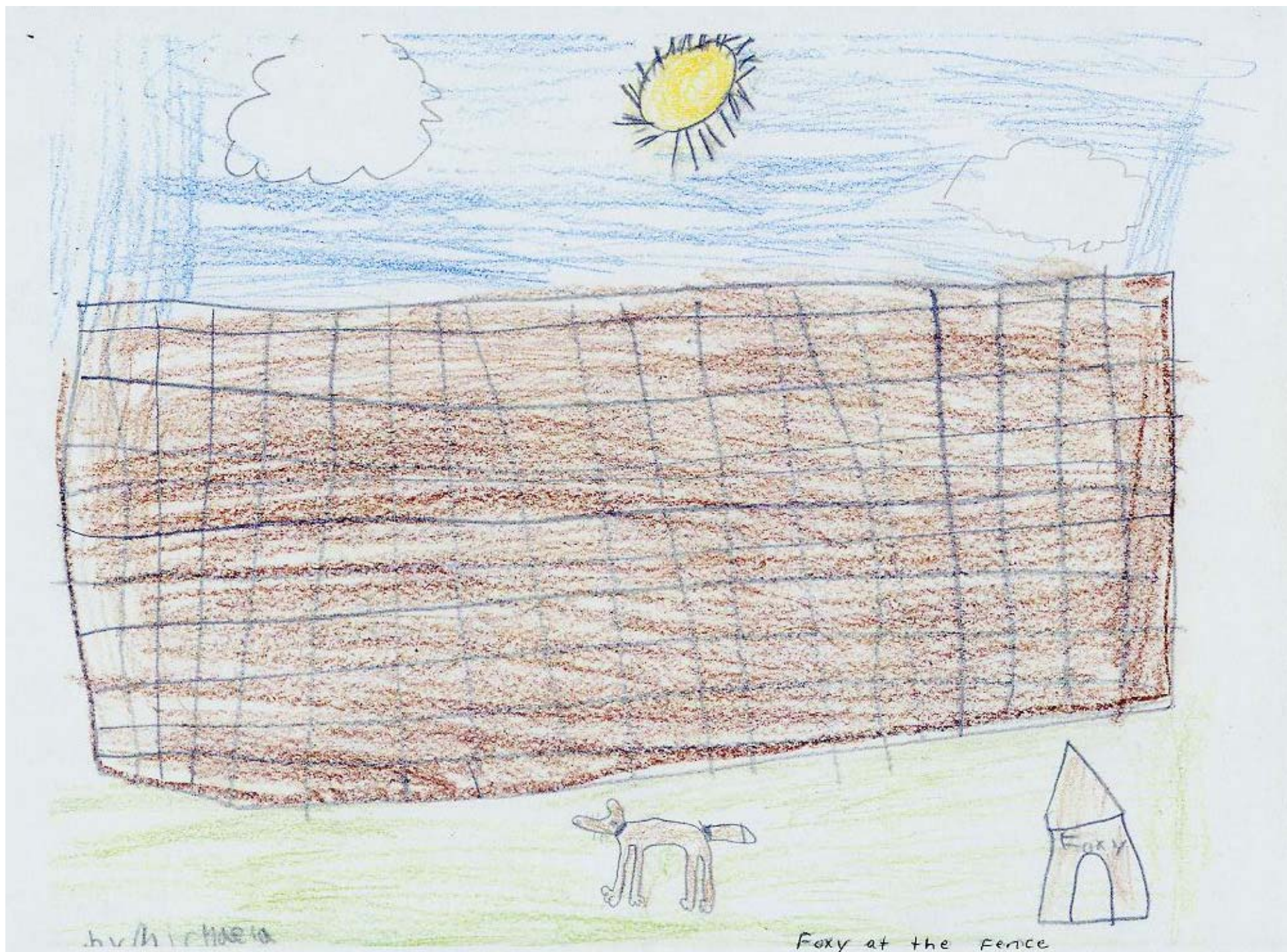
My favorite part of Foxy's Tale is when Foxy is a stad dog racing. I like it because Foxy is excited. Also Foxy is fast. I like Foxy winning the race.

I have a question for you. Did Foxy do the Iditarod? Did Rose and Foxy race with each other?

Thank you for coming to visit our school.

Sincerely,  
Michaela





Foxy at the fence



about me

- my name is Casey ✓
- I'm 9 years old ✓
- I like the Hobbit

I am delighted that  
you are visiting our  
school.

questions

- Did Foxy race in the Iditarod?
- How old is Foxy today?
- Does Foxy race well with Rosie?

Favorite part -

- the ribbons hanging above her
- when she layed in front of the fire
- when Foxy didn't care Kelly had the trophy in her room.

Foxy sleeping at Kelly's

Thank you

for coming to  
visit our school.

Dear Mr. White,

April 7, 2009

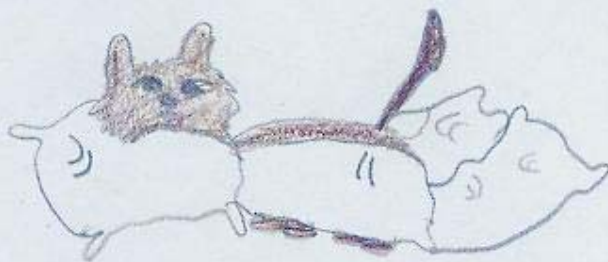
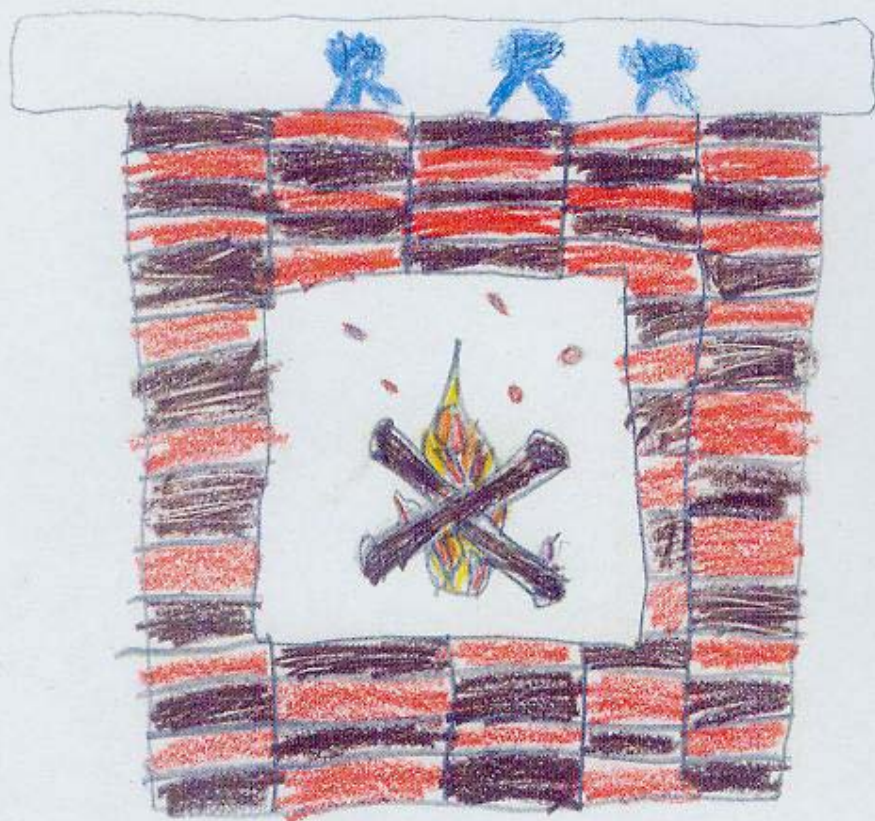
I am delighted that you are visiting our school. Here are some things about me. My name is Casey. I'm 9 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. One of my favorite books is The Hobbit. My favorite part is when Foxy sleeps at Kelly's house. First, the ribbons hang above her. Next thing I like is when she lays in front of the fire. Last is when Foxy didn't care Kelly had the trophy in her room.

I have a few questions for you. Did Foxy race in the Iditarod? How old is Foxy today? Does Foxy race well with Rosie? Thank you for coming to our school.

Sincerely,  
Casey



Foxy Sleeping at  
Kelly's



By  
Casey

1 About me ✓

2 • 8 ~~11~~ years old ✓

3 • 3rd grade ✓

4 • I have a dog named ✓  
Sherman

Austin L.

✓ 1 favorite part - When she

took the shortcut

✓ 2 • foxy got disqualified

✓ 3 • she got stuck in the  
snow

✓ 4 • kelly fell off

I am delighted that  
you are visiting our  
school,

Questions

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for  
coming to visit our  
school.



Austin L.

April 7, 2003

Dear Mr. White,

X I am delighted that you are visiting our school.

X My name is Austin L. I am 8 years old and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I have a dog named Sherman.

X My favorite part of Foxy's Tale is when Foxy takes the shortcut. It was funny when Kelly got stuck in the snow. It was too bad Foxy got disqualified.

X I have one question for you. How old is Foxy now?

X Thank you for coming to visit our school.

Sincerely,

Austin L.

Foxy takes a short cut



Austin L

## about me

- 9 years old
- I'm in 3 grad
- I like to draw
- I like to read the habit

I am delighted that you are coming to ower school.

## Questions

- how did you make the book.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Faveret port foxyrasing

- foxy ran vary fast
- foxy cam in sekint plas
- Kelly was smigeling at foxy.

Thank you for coming to  
ower school.

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April 7, 2003

Dear Mr. White

X I am delighted that you are coming to over school.

X My name is Austin.F. I am 9 years old I'm in 3 grade I like to draw and I like to read The Hobbit

X My favret part of foxy's Tail is wen she is rasing. foxy ran vary fast. she cam in 5th place. Kelly was smieling at foxy.

X Thank you for coming to over school.

Sinserly Austin.F. :



Foxy rasing

Austin F.



about me

- my name is Mike and I am 9 in 3rd grade
- I have seen all the lord of the rings movies so far
- and my dream is to be a new york yankees baseball player.

~~I am the 1st that you are visiting our school.~~

favorite part -

when  
Judy was  
11+1

- Judy is sleeping at Michael's house
- Kelly coming to pick up Judy.
- The first time Kelly came.

Questions

- Is Kelly your date?
- Did you ever ride with Fox and nose?

Thank you for coming to our school.



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Dear Mr. White,

I am therild that you  
are vesting our school.

My name is Michael.

I am 9. I like Lord of the  
Rings. And my drem is to be a  
pro baseball star.

My faverit part of  
Fox Tail was. When Judy was  
small. Judy is slipping at  
Michael's hoar. Kell coaming  
to get a dog. The first time



Kelly came.

I have 2 questions for you.  
Is Kelly your dater? Did you  
ever race with Foxy and Rosy?

Thank you for coming to  
our school.

Sincerely  
Michael



Foxy In Kelly's  
House



Mike

## About me

- I am 8 and in third grad.
- I like base ball
- I like Harry pot ter  
Books and movies.
- I like dogs

I am thrilled that you a  
visiting our school.

My favorite part is when  
foxy won the races

## Favorite part

- When Foxy and Kelly  
came in second place
- When Foxy won 3 first  
Place ribbons
- Also when they won  
the Junior World champion  
chip.

## Questions

- What is you favorite  
part in the book.
- How old is Foxy.
- Did Foxy and her man Rosie win  
the Junior World Champion ship  
the 10-12 class

Thank you for coming  
to visit our school.



April 7, 2003

Dear Mr. White,

I am thrilled that you are visiting our school.

My name is Tylor I am eight year old and in third grad. I like Harry Potter books. I also like dogs. I also like base ball.

My favorite part is when Foxy won most of the races.

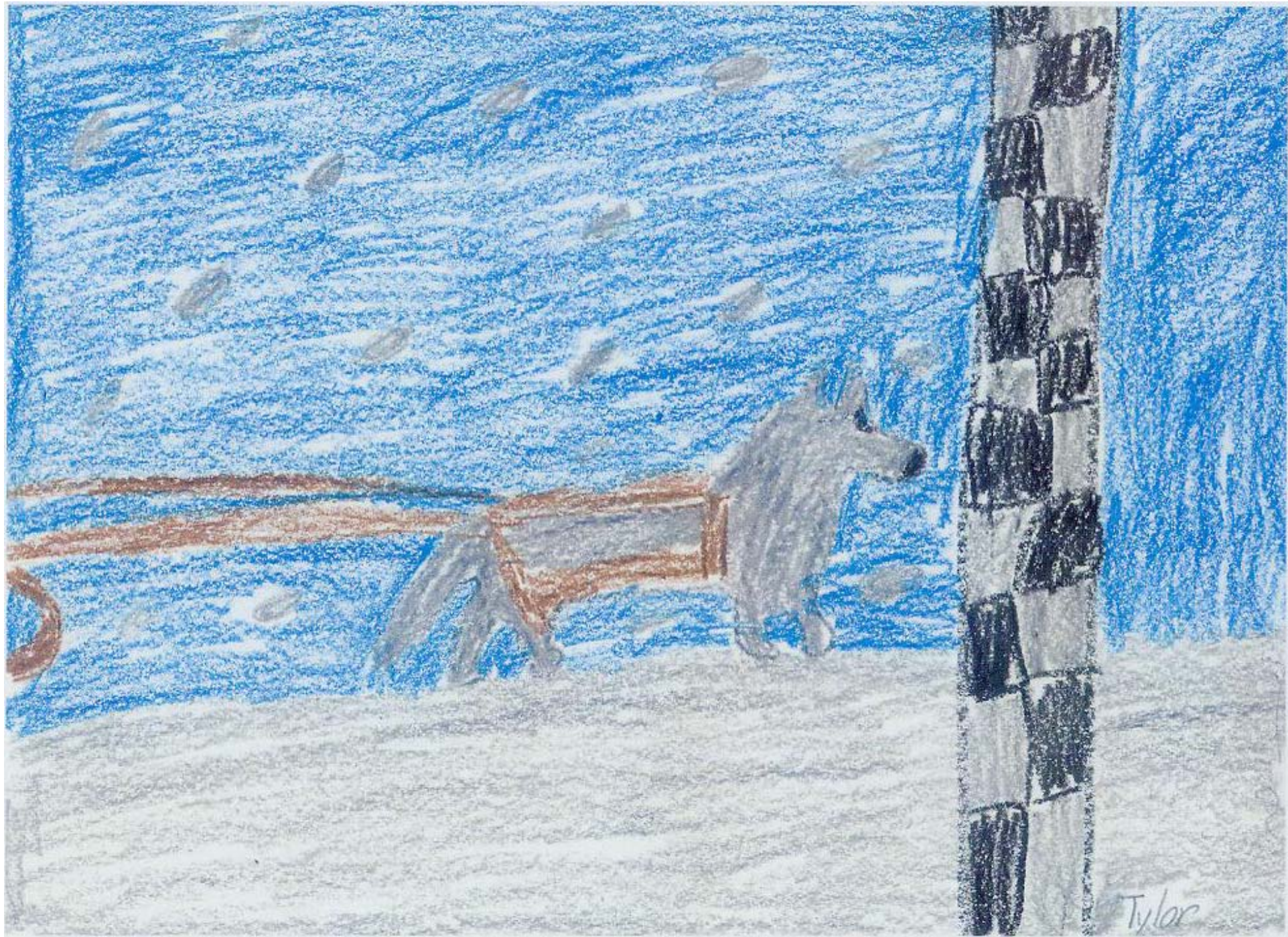
I am glad when Foxy won 3 first place ribbons. Also when they won the Junior World Championship.

I have three questions. What is your favorite part in the book? How old is Foxy? Did Foxy and her mom Rosie win the Junior World Championship two Dog class? X Thank you for coming to visit our school.

Sincerely

Tylor







about me ✓

- 8 third grade ✓
- I like the Robin ✓
- I love cats ✓

I am glad that you  
are visiting our school.

Questions ✓

- How is Foxy doing now? ✓
- did Foxy like it at the fair? ✓
- How old is Foxy now? ✓

Favorite Part of Foxy's ✓

- blue Robin ✓
- pink narrest ✓
- Sees Michael ✓

Thank you for ✓

Coming to visit

our school.

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Dear Mr. White,

I am glad that you are visiting  
our school.

My name is Chiang, I am 8  
and in third grade. I like The Hobbit.  
I Love Cats!

My favorite part about Foxy's tail is  
when Foxy wins the race.  
I like the blue ribbons Foxy gets.  
I like her pink harness. It is fun  
when Michael comes.

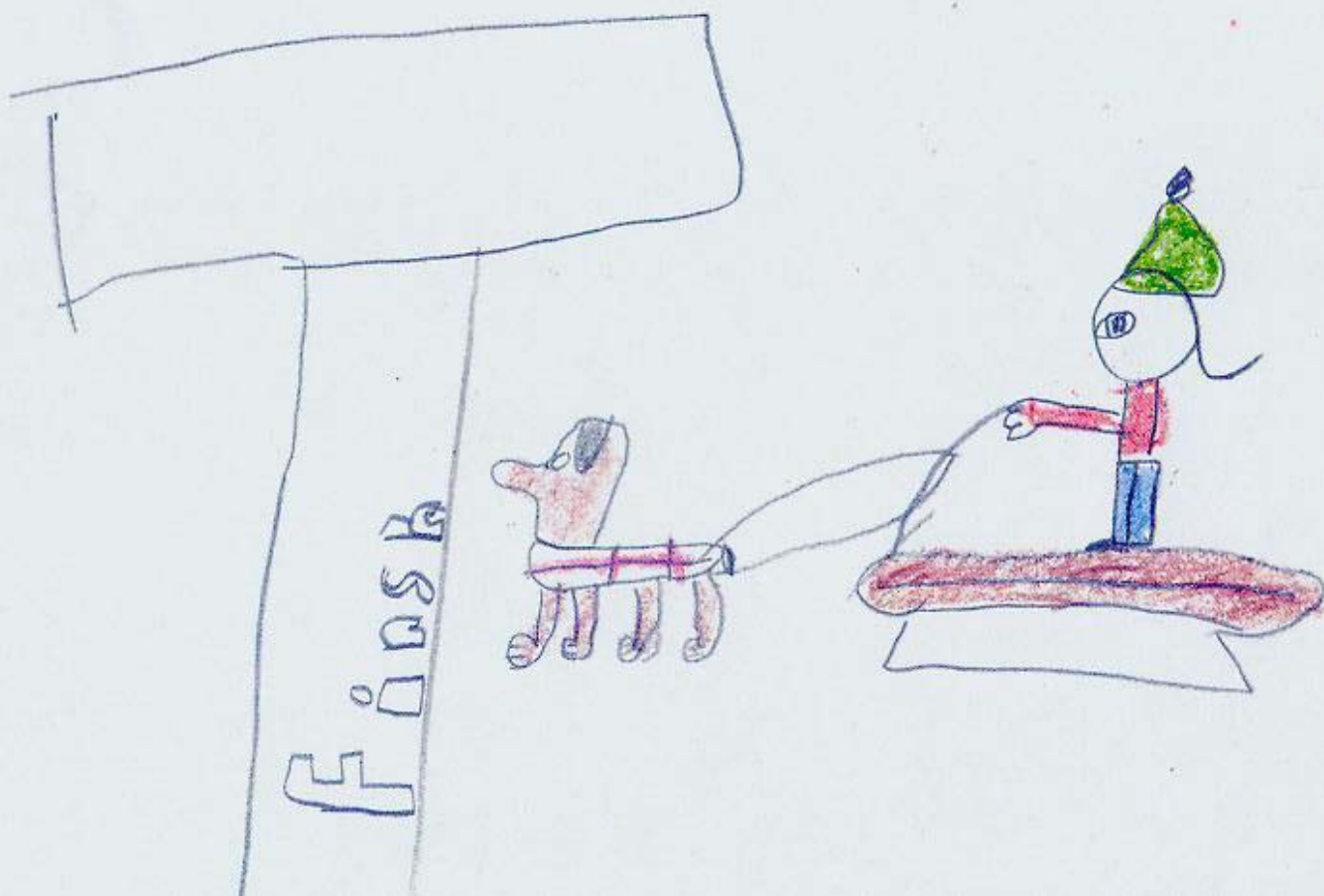
How old is Foxy now?  
Did Foxy race in the 1st race?  
How is Foxy doing now?

Thank you for coming to visit  
our school.

Sincerely  
Chiang

Chiana

Foxy winning the Prize





## about me

- ✓ I have a dog named Abby
- ✓ I'm 8 years and in 3rd grade
- ✓ I like to play my game boy

## favorite part - when <sup>ted</sup> dog

- ✓ Foxy racing
- ✓ Foxy winning the races
- ✓ Foxy won Junior race

I am excited that  
you are visiting our  
school.

## questions

- ✓ How do Foxy and Rosie race?
- ✓ Did you like writing Foxy's Tale?
- How old is Foxy?

Thank you for coming  
to visit our school.



April 7, 2003

Dear Mr. White,

I am excited that you are visiting our school.

My name is Megan. I have a dog named Abby. I'm 8 year old and in 3 grade. I also like to play my game boy.

I liked when Foxy was in her first race. I was happy when she was starting to win the races. I was really happy when she won the Junior world race.

How do Foxy and Rosie race together? Did you like writing Foxy's Tale? How old is Foxy?

Thank you for coming to visit our school.

Sincerely,

Megan



# Foxy Racing



Megan

And the

rest of

our

pictures...

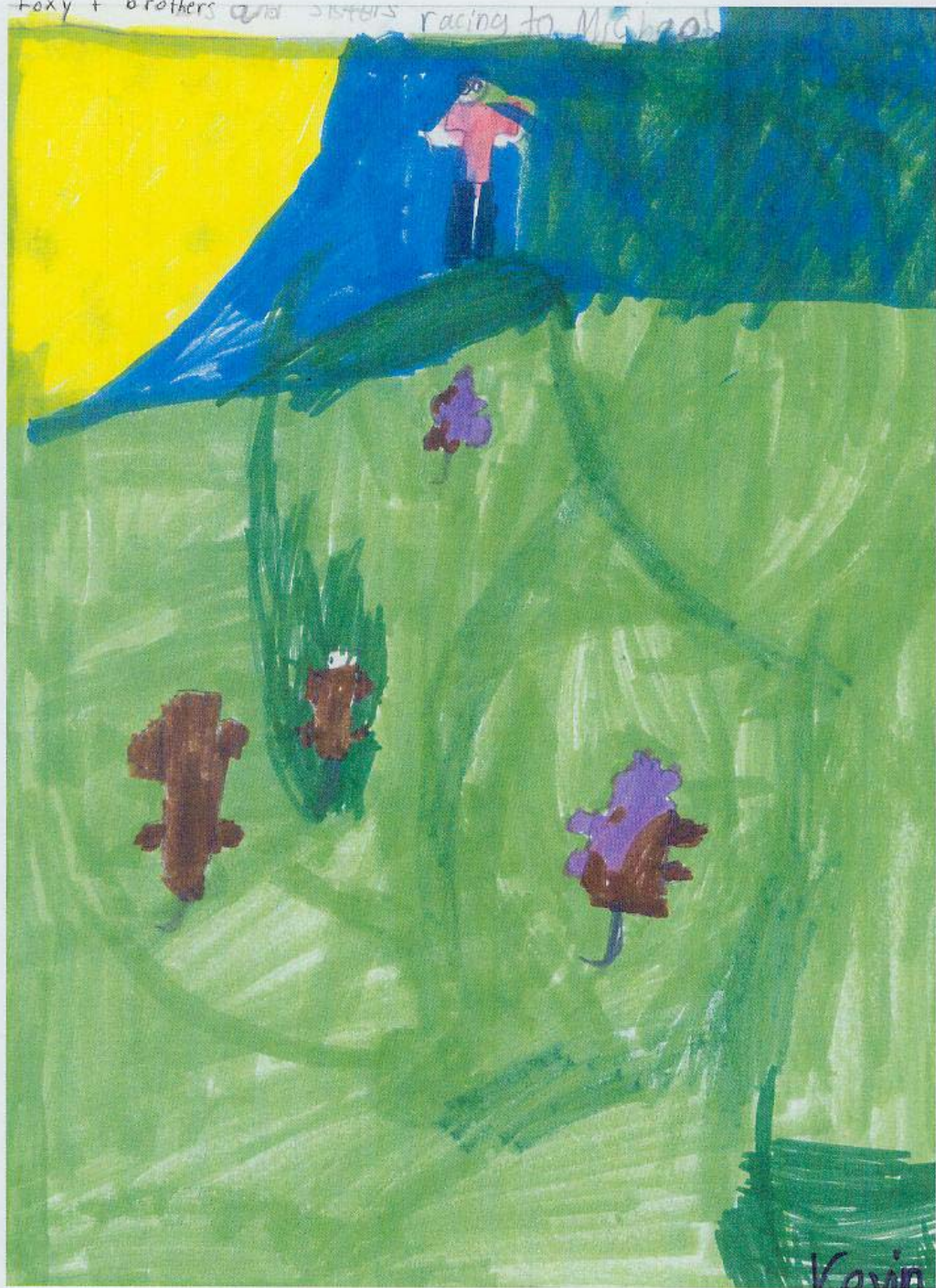


Windy H M. West house



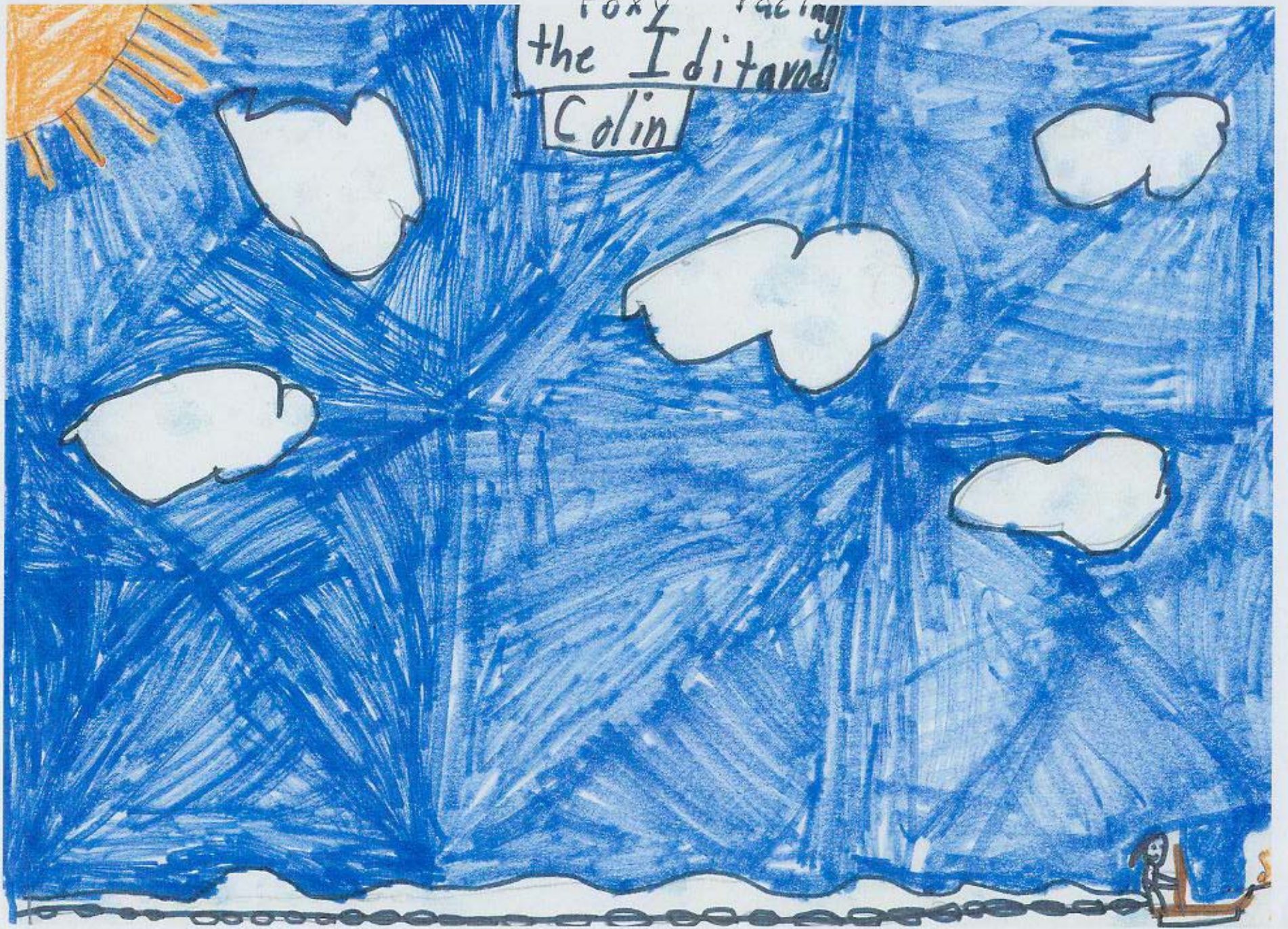


Foxy + brothers and sisters racing to Michael





Foxy racing  
the Iditarod!  
Colin





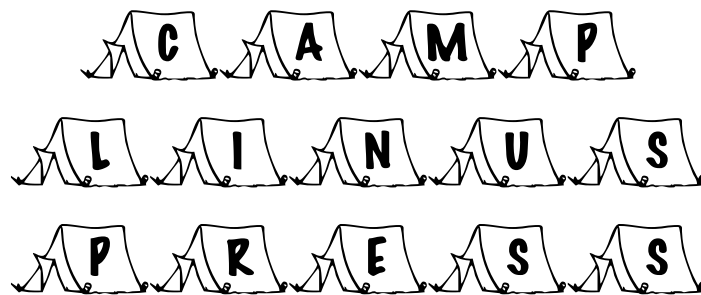
Foxy winning the race



Joe



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