

About the Authors and Artists

LISSIE CHIN, AGE 8, Pleasant Hill, California, Illustrator, "Summer."



ISABELLA GIANATIEMPO, AGE 8, Martinez, California, Illustrator, "No One Special." Isabella writes, "Hi. My name is Isabella. I'm 8 years old and in 3rd grade. I love to dance and play the piano. At home I have one cat named Gabriella and a brother named Dominic.

I also enjoy going outside and spending hours playing games and drawing. I'm so glad I'm picked to be on Launch Pad and I totally love it!"

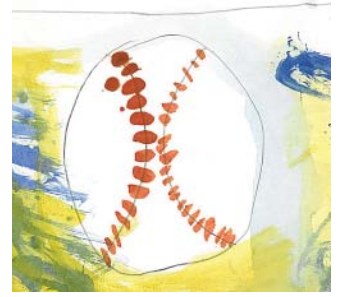


ALISSA GOMEZ, AGE 12, Benton, Kansas, Author, "No One Special." Alissa writes, "I am 12 years old. I go to Circle Middle School in Benton, Kansas. I have two dogs, one cat, and one guinea pig. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and playing saxophone."

ANNIE KLOPSTOCK, AGE 8, Walnut Creek, California, Illustrator, "Autumn" and "Winter." Annie Klopstock is 8 years old. She lives in WC, CA. Annie loves school, soccer, and loves taking art lessons in Colleen's garage. Annie loves going to the mountains. Her family has a cabin in Lake Almanor, CA. Annie loves to fish, swim in the lake, and go to quad riding out in the open space.



XANDER KRAFT, AGE 9, Bridger, Montana, Illustrator, "Kansas Sports." Xander writes, "I like to draw and read. I like to invent stuff like paper airplanes. I like science too! I like to collect metal."



AMY MORRISETT, AGE 10, Lexington, Massachusetts, Author, "Seasons." Amy writes, "Hi, my name is Amy Morrisett and I am a fifth grader living in Lexington, Massachusetts. I have a rambunctious kitten named Silverstar and a haughty 13-year-old cat named Mary. I love to ride horses, and my favorite horse is named Daprinzz Dakota. My favorite book genre is fantasy, and I especially enjoy the Warriors and Guardians of Ga'Hoole series. I take Spanish lessons, and I am hoping to expand my knowledge of it for my trip to Spain this summer. An interesting fact about me is that my ambition is to earn the Newbery Medal or at least the Newbery Honor!"

BRIANNA PAVESI, AGE 10, Harrison, New York, Author, "It's Peaceful in Winter." Brianna writes, "Hi! My name is Brianna. I live in Harrison, NY, and go to the L.M.K. Middle School. I have one dog named Sandy, and she is five years old. She is a Havanese, with a cream coat. I love to swim, and play lacrosse. My favorite stroke in swimming is the butterfly, and my favorite position in lacrosse is left defense. I also enjoy writing poems and stories. I hope that you get to read them all in "Launch Pad" magazine."



CORI PITIGER, AGE 11, Purchase, New York, Illustrator, "It's Peaceful in Winter." Cori is 11 years old at Louis M. Klein Middle School. She has 2 dogs, 2 sisters, and a mom and dad. Her favorite sport is basketball. She loves to be at summer camp. She goes to Point O' Pines Camp for Girls, for 8 weeks during the summer. During her spare time she likes to write stories and draw pictures.