

# Launch Pad



Where Young Authors and Illustrators Take Off!



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*Dear Launch Pad Readers,*

*Welcome!* The second issue of Launch Pad: Where Young Authors and Illustrators Take Off! contains a delightful variety of imaginative stories, poems, and illustrations related to our “Fairy Tales & Fantasy” theme. In this issue, you will meet a genie who loves to work out at the gym, fairies that light up the stars, a few uninvited guests, an evil magician, and two brave fairies on a quest to save their village from the dragon. The writing and artwork is superb, and I invite you to read and enjoy the creative works of these talented young authors and artists.

Launch Pad is a new literary and arts magazine for children. The magazine currently appears online (bi-monthly), and features fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and artwork by children ages 6-12. Our authors and illustrators reside all over the U.S., and from several other countries. We are currently looking for stories and poems about the ocean, summer fun, sports, and



mysteries. If you are a young author or artist, submit your work! Visit the “Submit” page on our website for more information and ideas about these themes.

Launch Pad is looking for a publishing or association partner to launch a print version of our magazine. Prospective publishers or associations should contact the editor for more information about this exciting opportunity. Individuals can support Launch Pad by providing links to our site and encouraging children to submit their creative works.

I would like to thank all of our young authors, artists, and their parents for sharing these remarkably original stories and poems with our Launch Pad readers. Enjoy the issue!

All the Best,

*Paul Kelsey*

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