

Grade 3 Winners

1st Place, Overall Winner: Ivy Luce, Sabino Canyon Dam

2nd Place (tied): Charlotte Ogletree, The Saguaro Blooms

2nd Place (tied): Nikola Lucero-Wegner, Creosote

2nd Place (tied): Jacob Bebber, The Peaceful Desert

3rd Place (tied): Rhys E. Snyder, Desert Watcher

3rd Place (tied): Ezra Roda, A Close Call

3rd Place (tied): Cobus Knight (?), Rattler

HM: RoseMarina Houser, The Coyote's at Night

HM: Juno Hughes, Sunny Days

HM: Lucas Page, Wonders of the sonoran desert

HM: Oliver Arndt, The Unharmful Mountain Lion

HM: Cecilia Kelley, Prickly Fruit

HM: Rowan Mobley, Desert

HM: Viviane Ortiz, The Desert is Alive

HM: Emily Cole, Desert Animals

HM: Liam Figueroa, Raven Flies

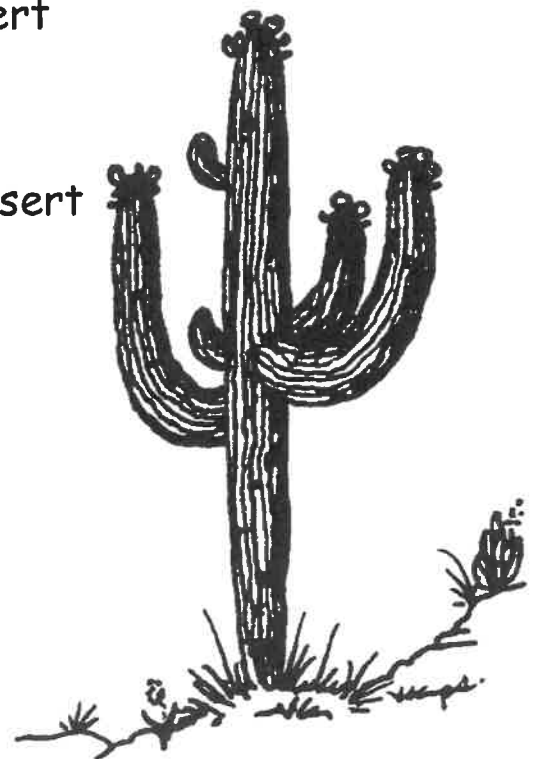
HM: Noa Martin, Stars in the Sonoran Desert

HM: Maya Torres, Sonoran Desert

HM: Yerek Leor, Sonoran Desert

HM: Silvio Sapienza Mast, Senses in the desert

HM: Lyla Alderink, Life in the Desert



Sabino Canyon Dam

We hike through sand and stone
Laughing loud never alone,
back pack full of treats
trail mix, chocolate and lots of sweets
The dam appears it's a hidden prize
water glittering in our eyes
we pause sit on rocks sharing bites
telling stories and basking in the sunlight,
we take our shoes off and put our toes
in the water, we splash and
laugh as it gets hotter
we race and jump and play tag in the sun
every splash and cheer is a lot of fun
snacks taste better with friends all around
Joy and friendship is what we
have found.

Ivy Luce
Sabino Canyon Dam
Third Grade
1st Place/Overall

The Saguaro Blooms

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Saguaros cover the ground

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S birds roost inside

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iving shelter, water, food and love to all

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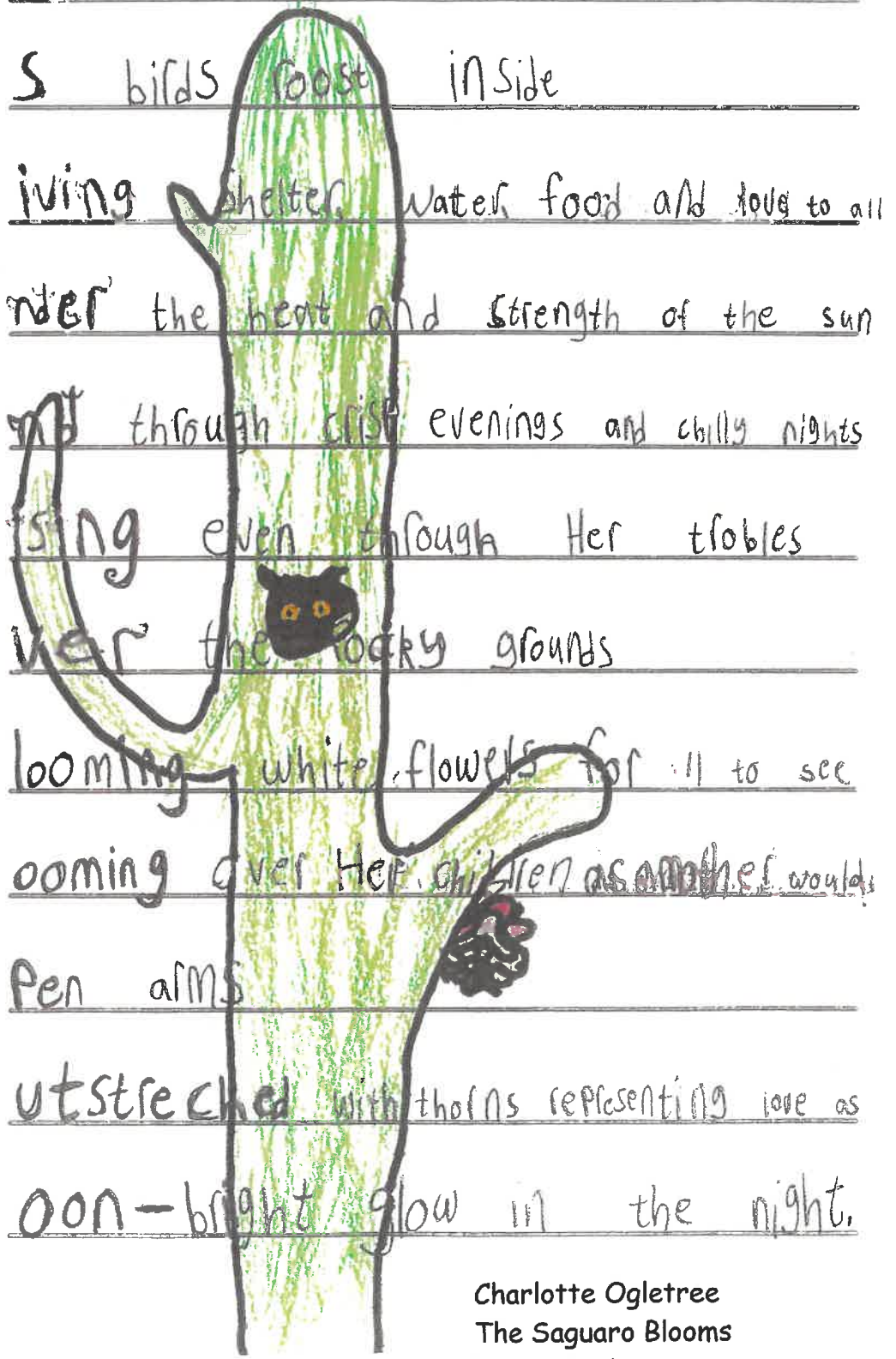
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Charlotte Ogletree
The Saguaro Blooms
Third Grade
2nd Place (tied)

Creosote
By Nikola

Nikola Lucero-Wegner
Creosote
Third Grade
2nd Place(tied)

flowers yellow seeds fuzzy white
5 feet tall little leafs top to bottom
living in the sonoran desert
with drained soil and flat plains

pretty fragrance when it rains
waxy coat for water loss
evergreen plant green all year
with 20 species of bees

The Peaceful Desert

In the peaceful desert
I see canyon walls shaped by rainwater.
Hot layered rock in the midday sun shining bright
Light blinding the desert surface.
Dirt blowing slightly in the air
rustling bushes
calming the air.
I wonder to myself
Does water ever move the canyon walls farther apart?
I feel calm, relaxed and peaceful.
Rustling bushes,
Rustling bushes,
Rustling bushes.

Jacob Bebbler
The Peaceful Desert
Third Grade
2nd Place(tied)

Cobus Knight
Rattler
Third Grade
3rd Place(tied)

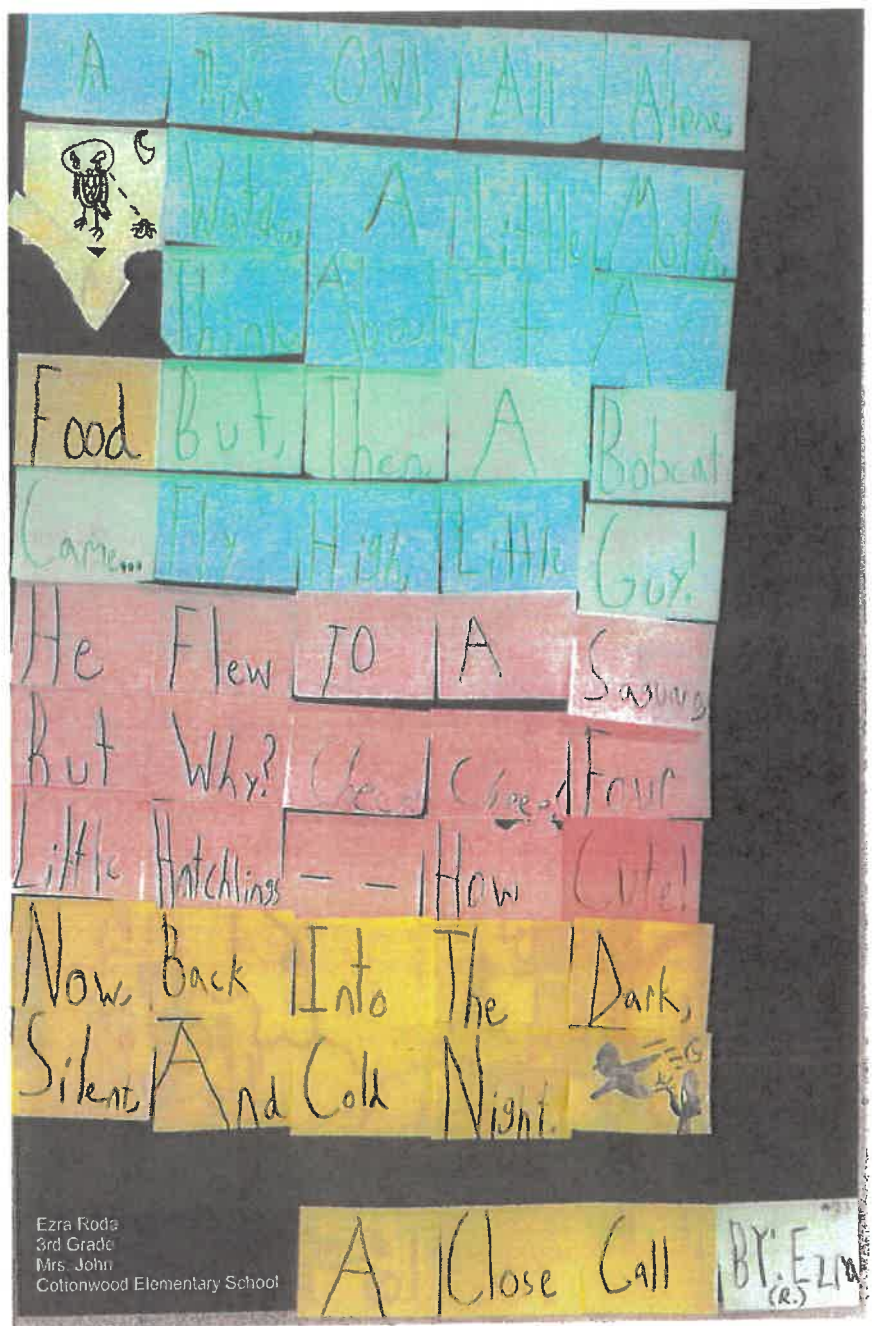


Desert Watcher

***In the air where I see all
Always seeing from far above
I hatch from an egg so small
But I am not small,
I am very tall
If you have guessed
I am a hawk
Always watching from far above.***

Rhys E. Snyder
Desert Watcher
Third Grade
3rd Place(tied)

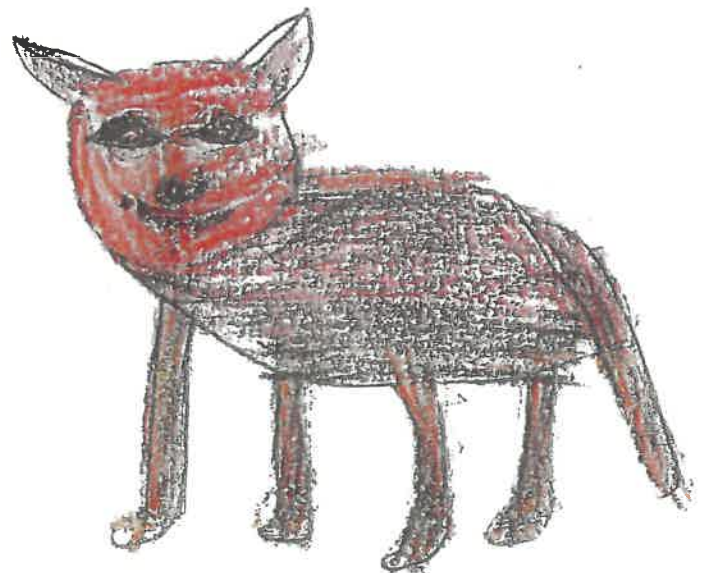
Ezra Roda
 A Close Call
 Third Grade
 3rd Place(tied)



The Coyote's at Night

Coats of softness of brown and gray
 Out the Coyotes do their job
 Yelling out through the night
 Out and about getting food for the family
 Tonight they run out loose
 Every night howling to the moon
 Singing beautiful songs with their howls

RoseMarina Houser
 The Coyote's at Night
 Third Grade
 Honorable Mention

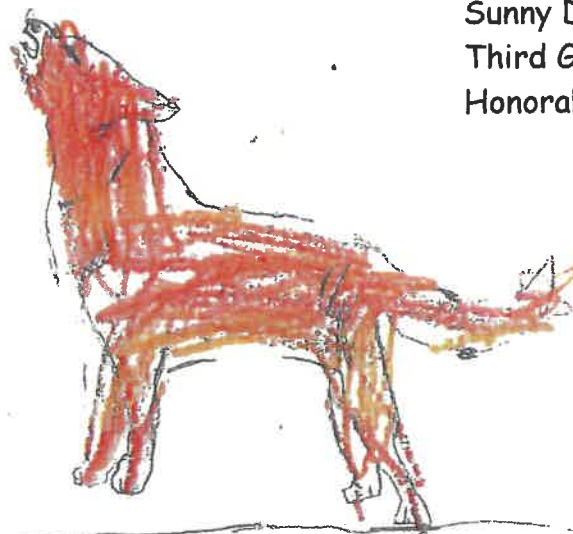


Wonders of the sonoran desert
Mrs. Cornejo & Mrs. Henson
Lucas page

The sun is really bright
The prickly pears are ripe
At night coyote howl
At night a tarantula prowls.

Gila monster may be a fright
But watch out for their bite
The beautiful green cacti
The sonoran beautiful sky

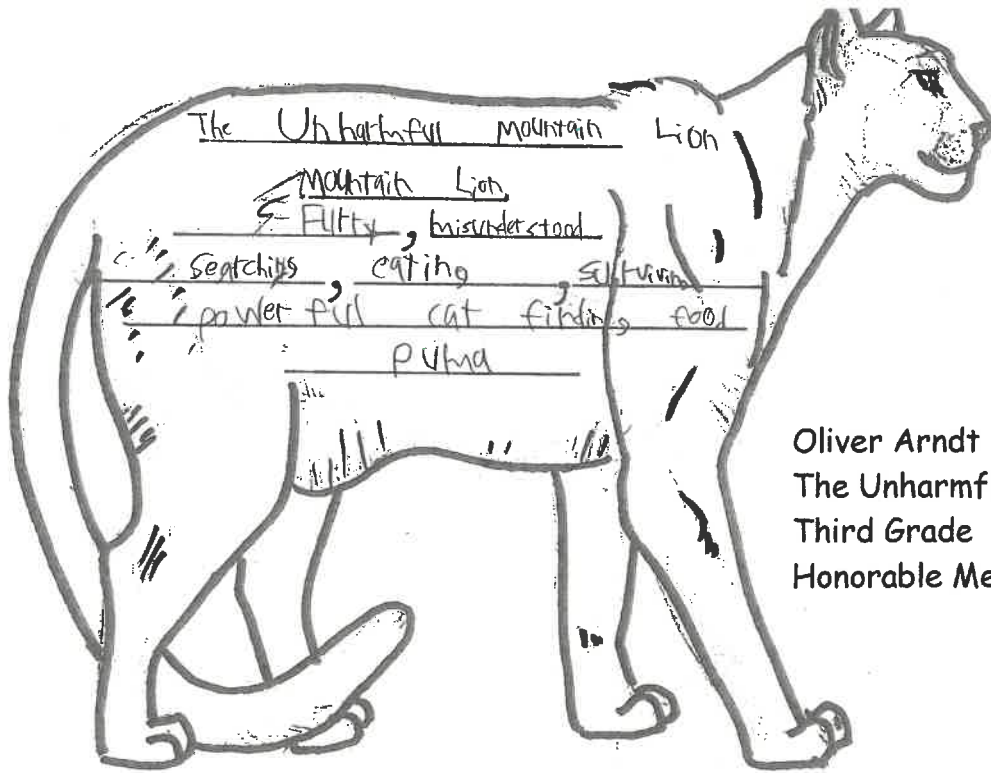
Lucas Page
Wonders of the sonoran desert
Third Grade
Honorable Mention



Sunny Days

Sitting way up
high
on a canyon
listening
watching
so hot
so bright
lizards sunbathing
rattle snakes slithering
in the hot
hot sun
looking down
below I see
the hot
hot sand
with cacti
all around
sunny days, sunny days
sunny days.

Juno Hughes
Sunny Days
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

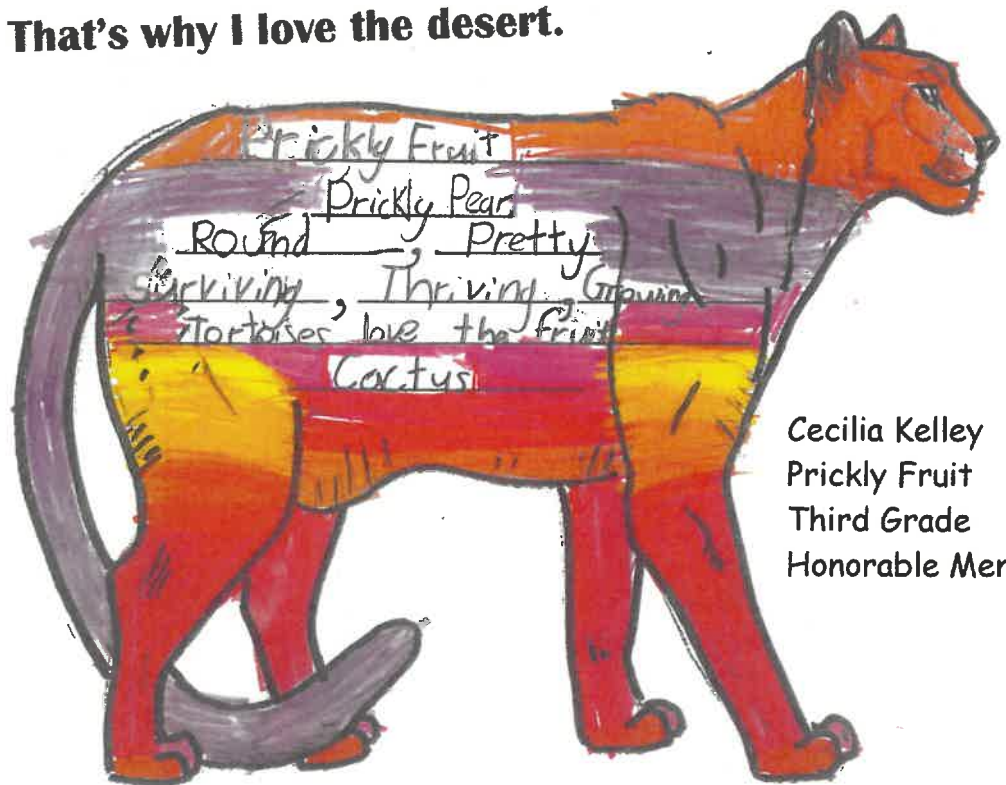


Oliver Arndt
The Unharmful Mountain Lion
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

Desert

**Melting sun moves across
the sky.
Monsoon eye, will it cry or is
it too shy.
Summer like a sizzling stove.
Desert sand, Oh so tan.
That's why I love the desert.**

Rowan Mobley
Desert
Third Grade
Honorable Mention



Cecilia Kelley
Prickly Fruit
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

The Desert is Alive

*The story starts with the sunrise
Drops of rain start to fall
Gray clouds close in
Animals hide in their homes
Lightning strikes and thunder roars
Rain comes hard with splash and flow
Birds come out, cold air slides
One by one animals come out*

*Night comes to their desert home
Owls, bats and many more
Come out to eat and hunt
Cool air flows in
Spiders of any kind
Jump or crawl to go to attack
Morning comes, other animals appear
And that is the end of a very short story*

Viviane Ortiz
The Desert is Alive
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

Raven Flies

Liam Figueroa
Raven Flies
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

A Raven flies above the trees
looking for food
it sees a hotdog
but oh no there is a hawk.
But he is fast
he grabs the bread leaving the sausage behind
so the hawk doesn't chase him
he goes to a tree and eats his bread.

Desert Animals

Fast as a hawk.
Sneaky as a bobcat.
Fierce as an eagle.
Cool as a snake.
Silent as a bat.
Happy as me playing tag.

Emily Cole
Desert Animals
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

Noa Martin
Stars in the Sonoran Desert
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

Stars in the Sonoran Desert

Star light twinkles in the night sky. Looking over, you can see a coyote howling at me.

Looking over the mountains, you can see the sparkling lights of the city.

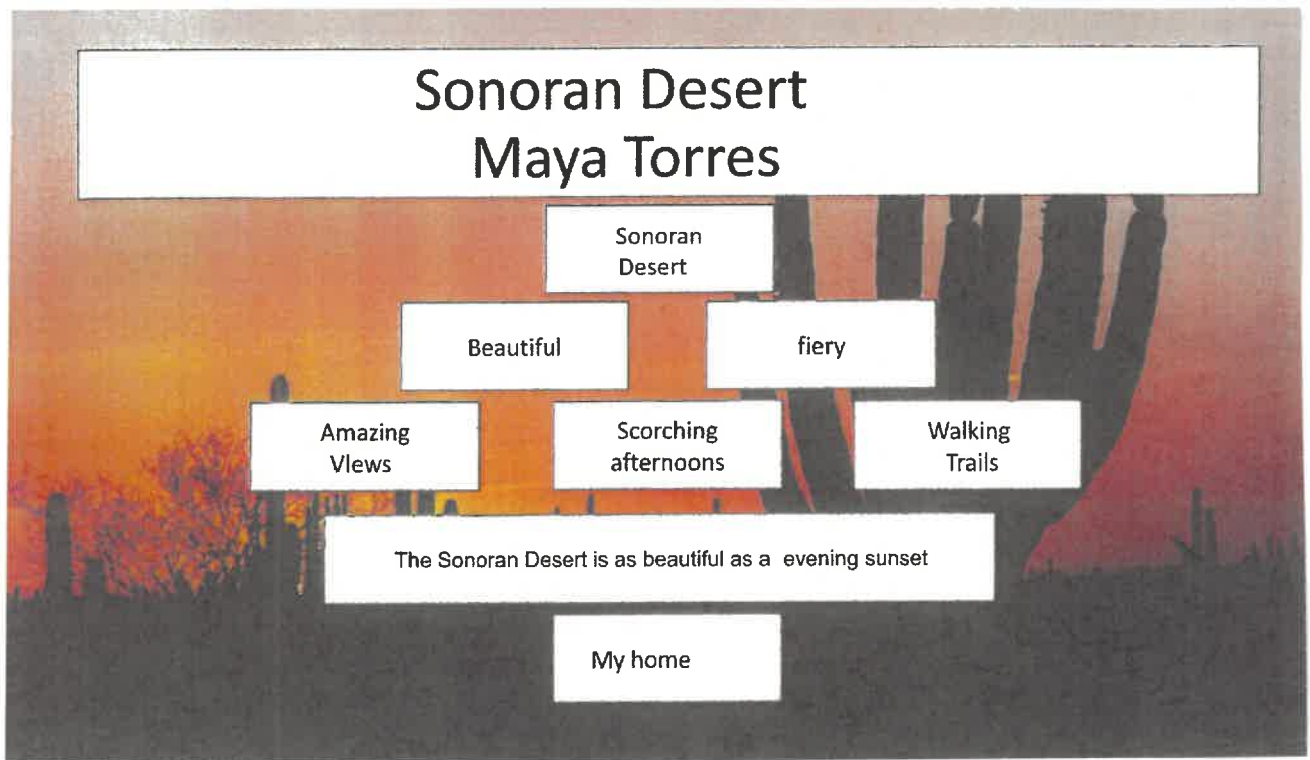
The wildflowers are blooming in the moon light it shines so bright.

The saguaro white flowers are shimmering.

Tarantulas are climbing up cactuses.

Snakes slither.

It is like a Sonoran Desert dream.



Maya Torres
Sonoran Desert
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

Silvio Sapienza Mast
Senses in the desert
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

Senses in the desert

I hear a wood pecker pecking at the green thorny cactus

I see hawk's fly over with their graceful wings

I can feel the blanket of heat that covers the desert

I can smell the pollen that floats through the air

I taste the sweat juice of the saguaro fruit as I walk back home from the sunset
panted desert.

Sonoran Desert Yerek Leor

Sonoran
Desert

Sunny

Arid

clucking chickens

whining puppy

swaying tree in the
morning

the sonoran desert burns like a wildfire

my amazing home

Yerek Leor
Sonoran Desert
Third Grade
Honorable Mention

Life in the desert

The desert is so beautiful but so dry the owls live in cactus all over the desert the crows howl like the wind and snakes come the floor. cactus why so prickly mountains why so tall and why so gray. flowers grow so beautiful and big. The deserts so hot I don't want to walk through mountains and valleys there will always be a spot where it's just a hot. Just that creosote just to green for me to have seen the woodpeckers peek at the saguaro cactus.

Lyla Alderink
Life in the Desert
Third Grade
Honorable Mention



