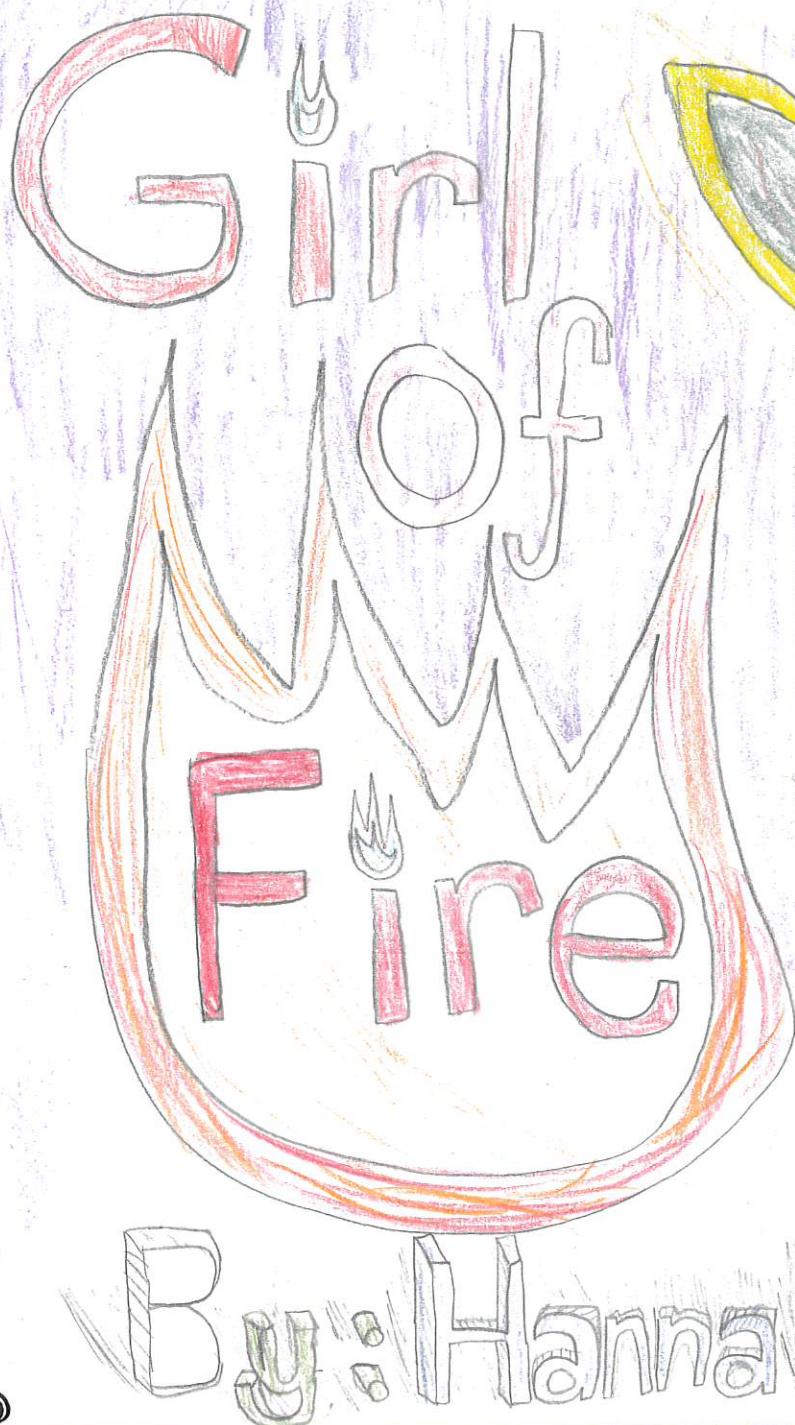




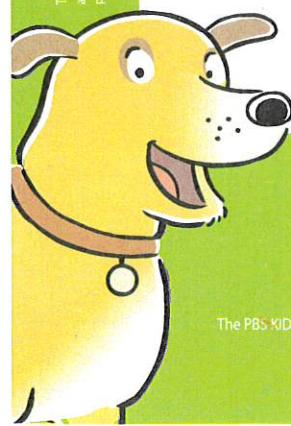
WRITERS CONTEST

Let the story writing begin!

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Story running long?
Grab another sheet of paper!



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Once upon a time, a young fairy princess named Destiny Flame lived in a faraway land with her dragon. Destiny lived in the Land of Fairies which had many foreign enemies.



One day, a hideous green beast attacked the land along with an army of mud monsters. Seeing this, Destiny immediately flew out of the castle on her dragon to face them. "Nobody destroys my kingdom!" she seethed in fury. Her gown transformed into a glowing red dress and wings of fire sprouted from her back.



Destiny knew that she had to trick the mud monsters into taking down the beast. So, that night, she flew down to the library. Destiny hunted through the books and finally found one titled, "Monster Mythology". She turned to the section on mud monsters and began to read. 'Hmm... they must really like candy, but which one?' she thought to herself. She bought chocolates, lollipops, and peppermints and scattered them where the mud monsters would usually stay. **3**



She came back the next day to find that all the peppermint were eaten, wrappers strewn everywhere! At the castle, she ordered the cook to melt 20 pounds of peppermint and spread it all over the beast. Destiny hid in the bushes, excited to see if her plan was going to work. "Get off me! Why are you attacking me?!" the beast struggled as the mudmonsters crawled on him.



In exhaustion, the beast stopped struggling against the mud monsters. Destiny used her powers to lift the beast and it drifted behind her as she headed towards the kingdom.

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The next morning, Destiny worked hard.

She taught the beast how to be caring and loving. "I am an orphan, I have never experienced love before." the beast said sadly. "What is your name though?" Destiny asked curiously. "Oh, that. My name is Muck." Muck replied sadly.



Then, Muck began to repair
the damage he inflicted and helped
defend the castle. After a while,
he grew into a caring and loving
creature named Clover.