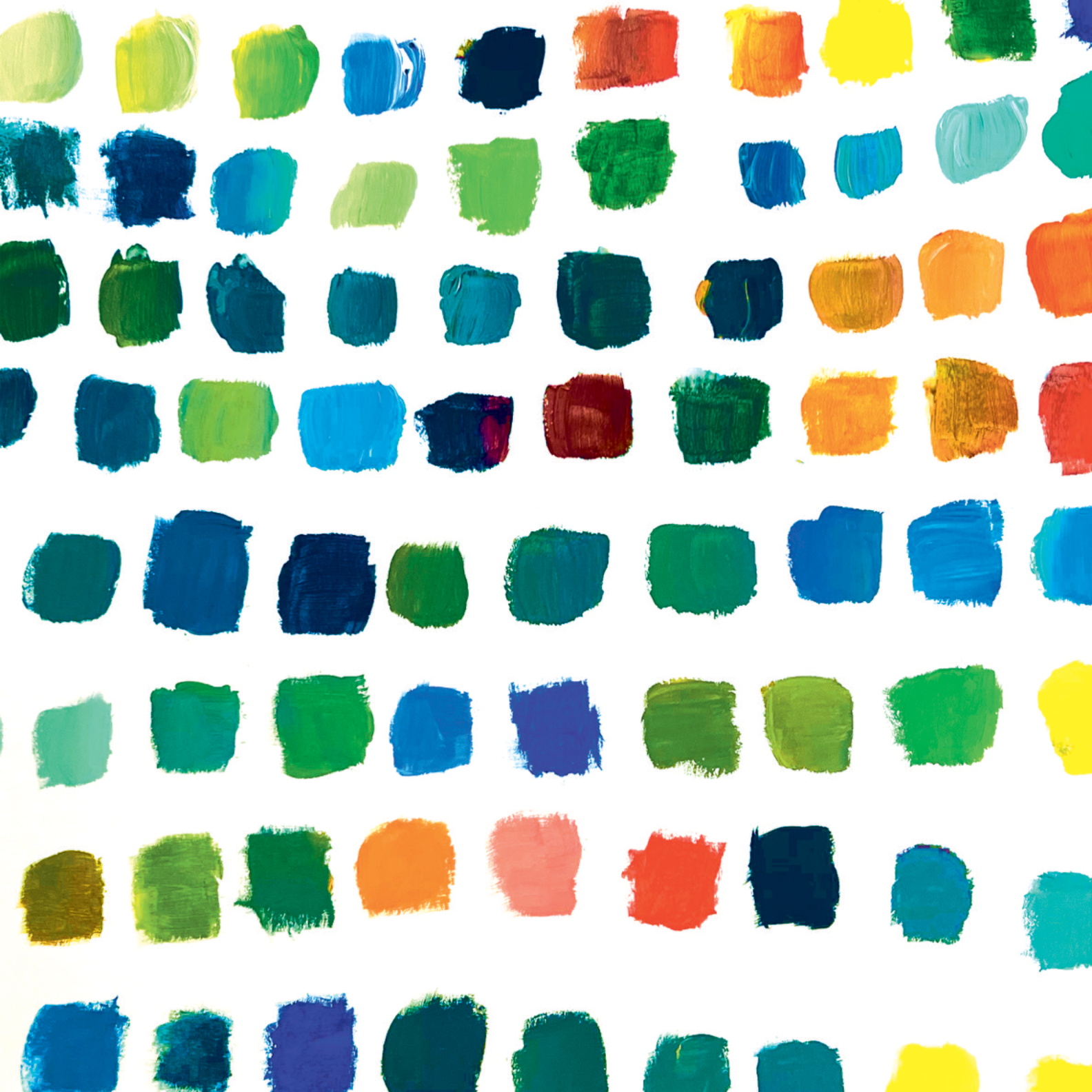


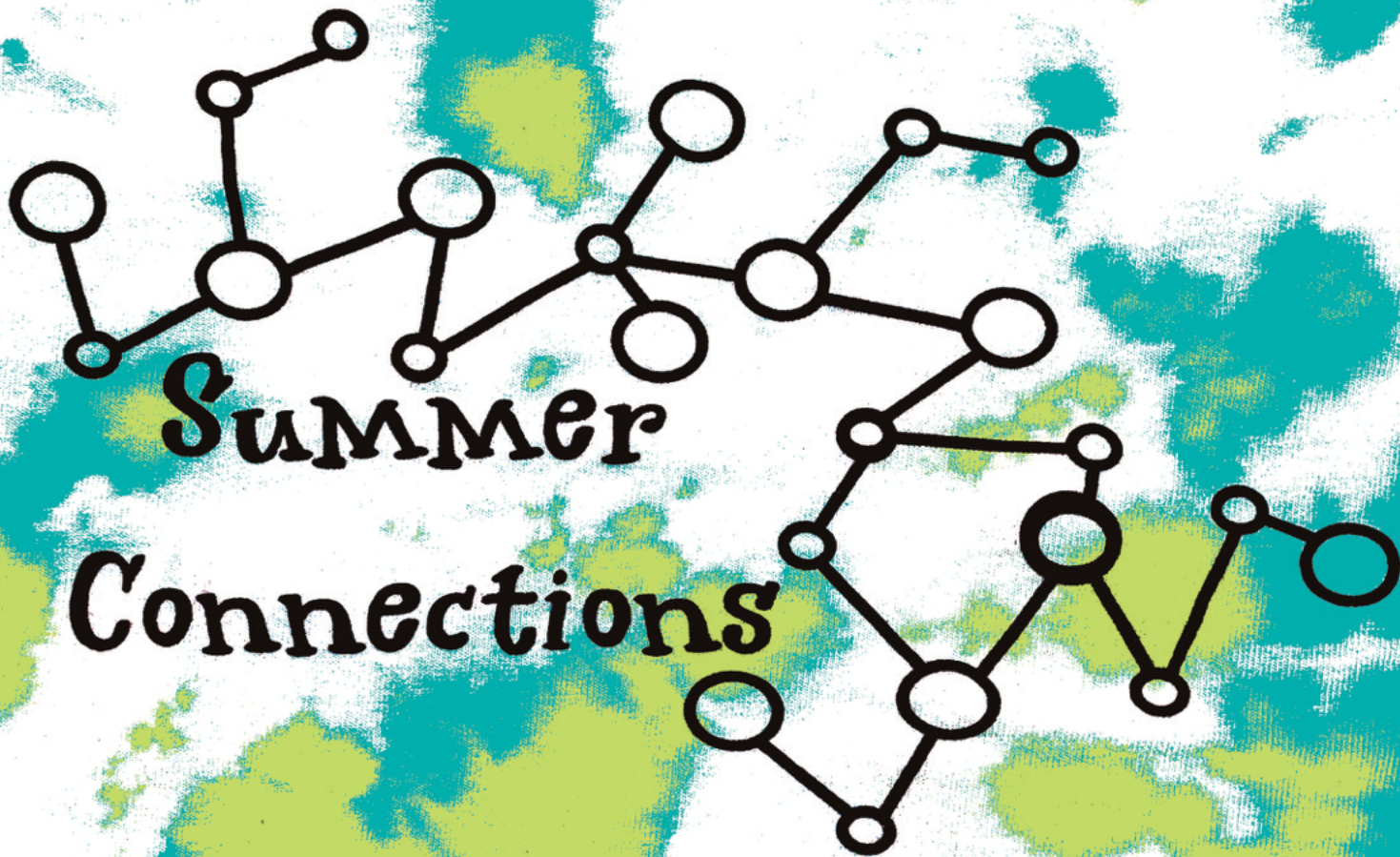
# Summer Connections











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The summer had just started;  
the rain was pouring down.  
The campers trickled in to school—  
some even wore a frown.

“But wait! There is no frowning here!”  
The teachers did exclaim.  
“We’re gonna make **CONNECTIONS!**  
It’ll be just like a game!”



The camp director bounced around  
and shouted, “Three-two-one!”  
The kids had learned the right response,  
and chorused, “Time for **FUN!**”

3... 2... 1.





As breakfast ended, we got in groups;  
it was our time to “share.”

We made each day’s **connections**  
with kids from everywhere.

Then, even though ‘twas summertime,  
we sharpened up our skills.

We worked with **READING** and with **MATH**—  
no boring worksheet drills!







In **SEL**, we  
learned just how  
to understand  
each other:

**Be kind,  
polite,  
considerate,**

and don't fight  
with your  
**BROTHER!**








And then we had a **CULTURE** time  
to make some great **CONNECTIONS**.  
We built some salt-dough mountains  
and tasted our confections!

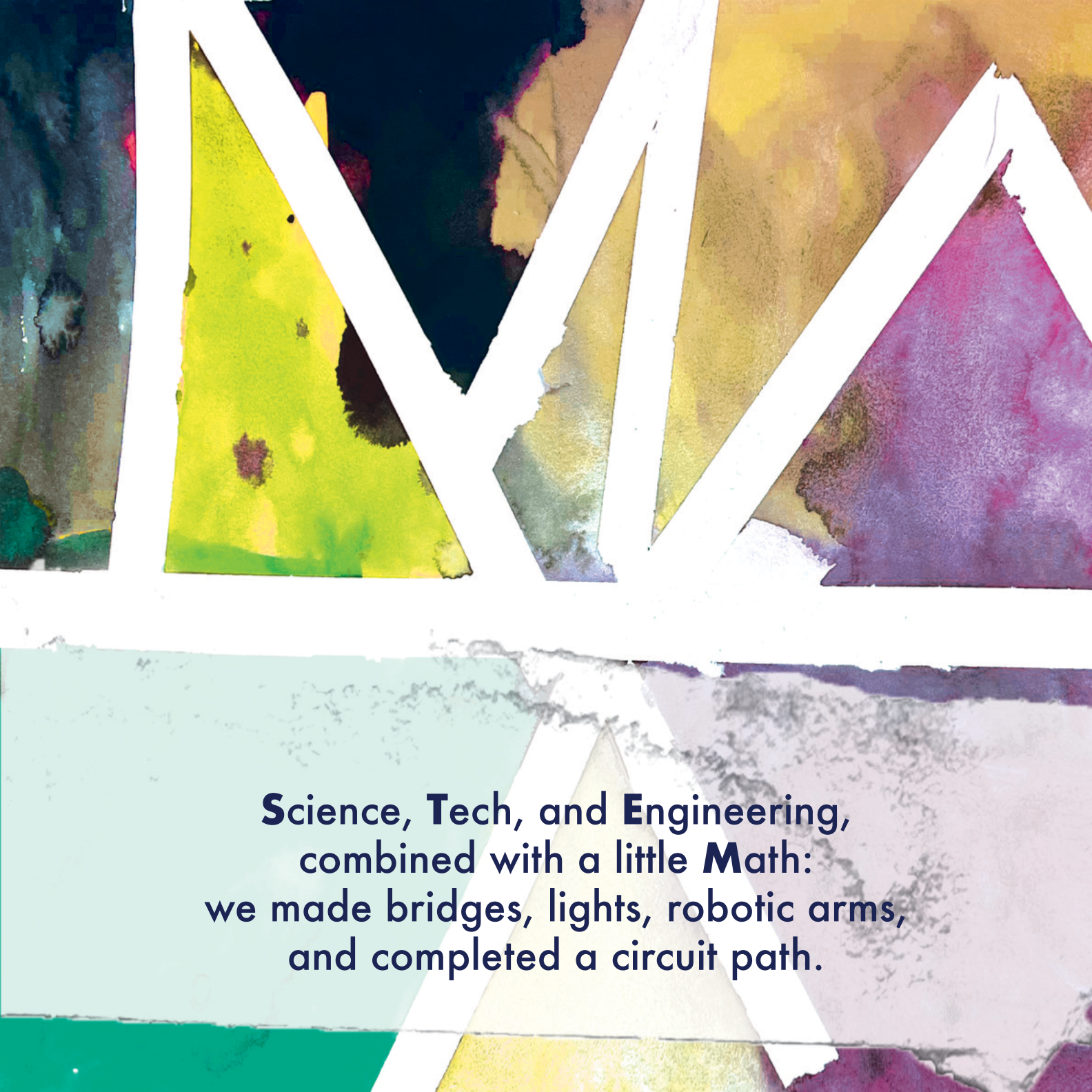






**HEALTH and WELLNESS** class was on the move!  
Our feet could never drag:  
a yoga pose, a hula hoop,  
a friendly game of tag.



An abstract collage background featuring torn paper edges and geometric shapes. The top half is dominated by a large white 'V' shape pointing downwards, which is itself composed of several overlapping, torn pieces of paper in various colors: yellow-green, dark blue, brown, and purple. Below this, there are more torn pieces of paper in shades of light blue, green, and purple. The overall effect is one of layered, textured paper.

**Science, Tech, and Engineering,**  
combined with a little **Math:**  
we made bridges, lights, robotic arms,  
and completed a circuit path.





**CREATIVE ARTS** let us connect  
our stories from our days.

Our art, our laughter, and our words  
brought tales for you to praise.





Each person helped contribute—  
even just a word or two.

We learned to tell our stories,  
and here are just a few:



# **My Amazing Adventure**

by Green Group

One time my friend Strawberry Shortcake and I went camping by the ocean. So many amazing and terrifying things happened on that trip.

I almost got stung by a jellyfish while Strawberry Shortcake and I were swimming in the ocean.







Flying high above us, a falcon was tracking a chicken for its dinner.

Then I saw a coyote chasing a cat. I knew it might bite me, so I ran back to the campsite as fast as I could.

I met Strawberry Shortcake on the path, and I told her to get an adult. She screamed and ran away. I tried to find somebody. I couldn't find anyone, so I kept searching until it was dark.







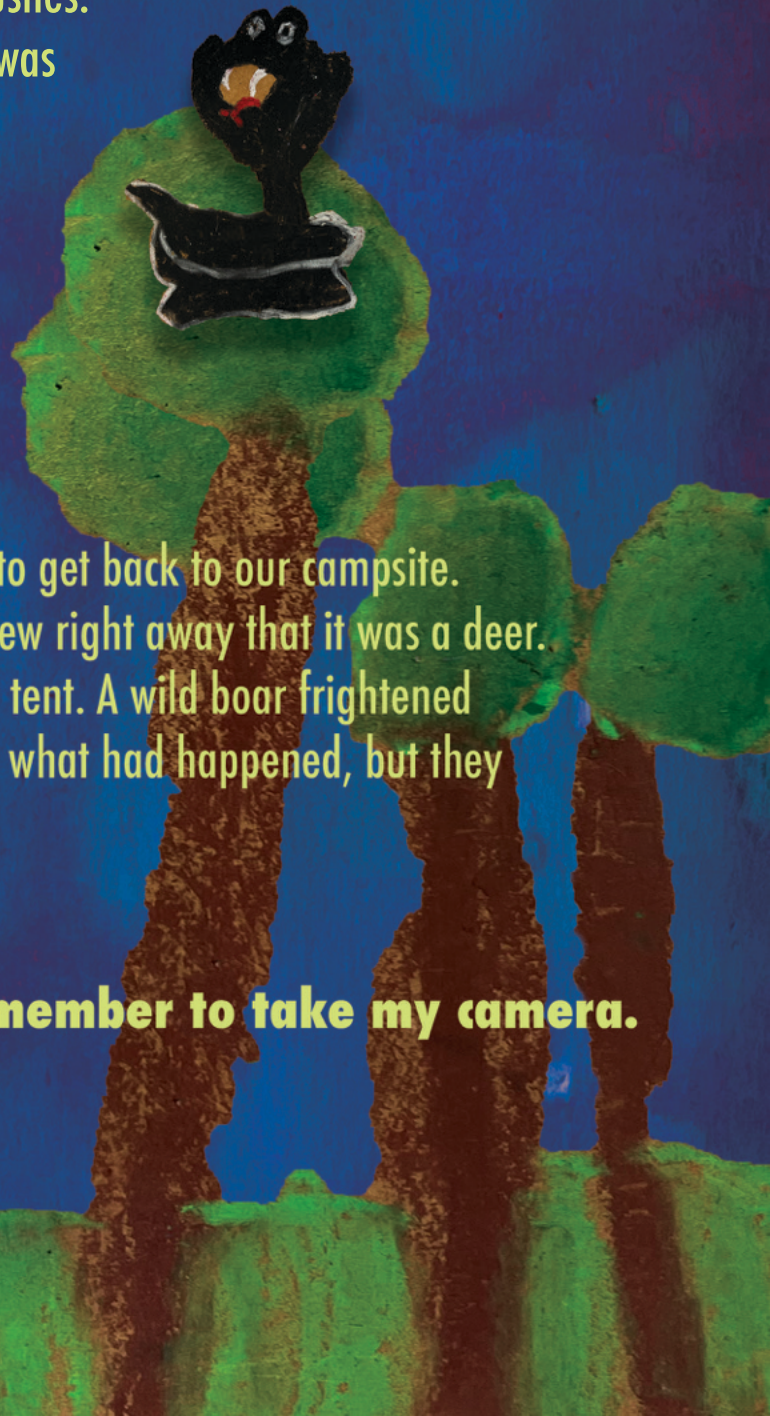
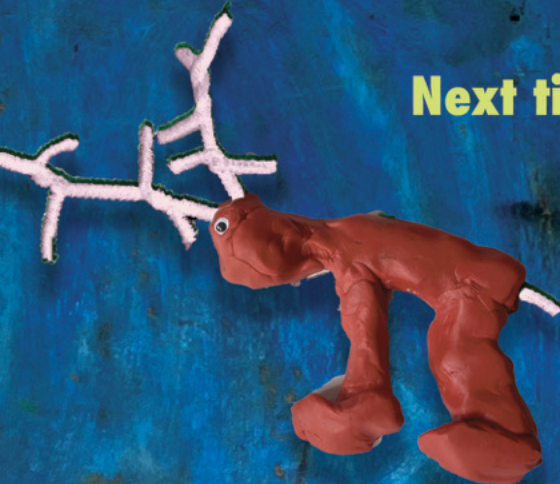
I noticed a light shining above me.  
It was such a weird sight.  
I wondered if it was a U.F.O.  
carrying Jimmy the robot alien  
or just an airplane.



Next, I heard howling coming from the bushes. I knew there were wolves in the woods. I was so scared I climbed up a tree only to find an enormous, venomous snake.

I fell out of the tree but didn't know how to get back to our campsite. I got a glimpse of a white, fluffy tail. I knew right away that it was a deer. I jumped on its back and rode back to my tent. A wild boar frightened the deer, and it ran away. I told everyone what had happened, but they didn't believe me at all.

**Next time, I'll remember to take my camera.**





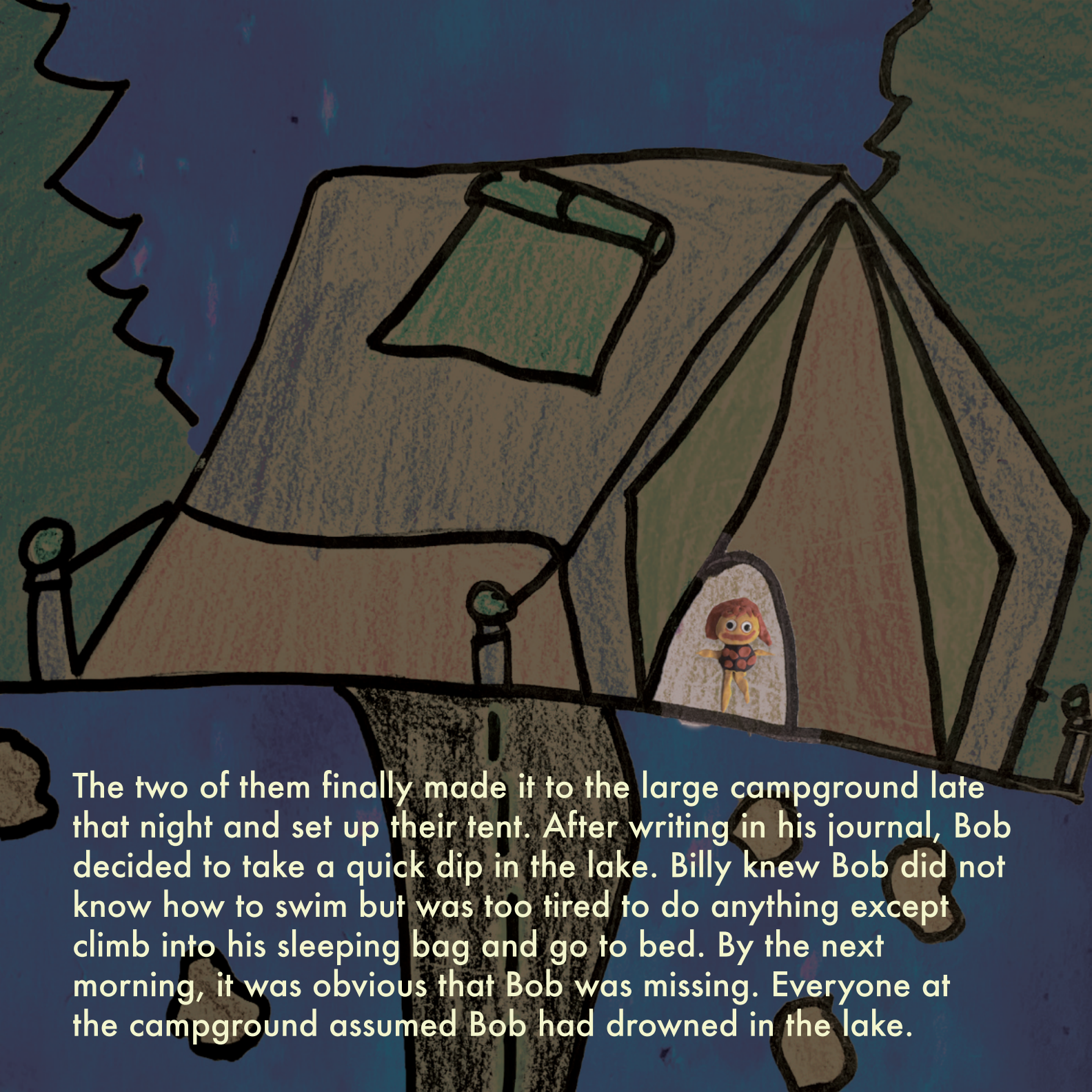
# The Mysterious Disappearance of Bob

by Blue Group

Billy and Bob took a trip to Denali National Park. On the way, they stopped for tacos and Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Bob slipped on a puddle of cheese dip, spilling his food all over himself. He smelled like a sweet **“walking taco.”**







The two of them finally made it to the large campground late that night and set up their tent. After writing in his journal, Bob decided to take a quick dip in the lake. Billy knew Bob did not know how to swim but was too tired to do anything except climb into his sleeping bag and go to bed. By the next morning, it was obvious that Bob was missing. Everyone at the campground assumed Bob had drowned in the lake.



The night before their arrival, one camper had seen a bear eating fish from the lake. The group noticed a fresh red trail leading away from the lake.

One of the children at the campground reported screaming and growling during the night. She said it had been horrifying to hear. They spotted huge paw prints by the lake leading to the dark, terrifying forest.







Billy and some fellow campers followed the paw prints to try to find out what happened to Bob. At the end of the paw prints was a mysterious cave that looked like the opening of a giant mouth with jagged stalactite teeth. They saw a bear crawl into the opening.

**Then they heard screaming....**





# The Dog

by Red Group



My family and I went to the beach on vacation.  
We saw a jellyfish washed up on the sand. We  
looked out into the ocean and saw a walrus shark  
and an eight-legged octopus.



I took my dog for a walk. She found a rattlesnake that she swallowed whole. The snake slithered out of her tummy and bit her. She had to go to the emergency vet. They made her better. She left the vet and climbed a tree that had a cardinal living in it. There was also a spider in the tree. Instead of eating it, she let me know it was there by barking. I told my mom, who called animal control. They took the spider away. I was happy my dog was okay.

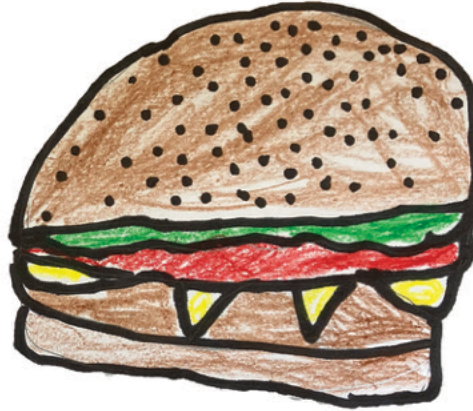
**We had fun the rest of our vacation.**





# Dairi - NO

by Orange Group







I was feeling hungry, so I went to the

# Dairio

with my best friend.

I wanted a corndog, but they didn't have corndogs. They were also out of milkshakes. They were out of ice cream, too. They didn't have any cheeseburgers. There were no french fries.

I asked for a hotdog, but they were out of them. I then asked for a large Pepsi, but they were all out of Pepsi. So I said to just give me a Sprite, but they were out of that, too. I huffily asked for chicken tenders. They said nope, no tenders either, but they did have some live chickens.

**So my friend and I jumped back into the car and went to McDonald's.**





# The Soaring Eagle

by Yellow Group



One day I was exploring in the forest with my brother. While looking for snapping turtles in the water, he actually saw an eagle. He yelled, "I see an eagle!" I said, "I don't see it."

"What did you say?" my brother asked.

"It flew away before you could see it. I saw that it was carrying a fish in its mouth. You're not going to believe this, but that fish looked like a ninja with a mask."





We found the eagle and followed her back to her nest. She shared the fish with all four of her babies. They hungrily gobbled up all the fish.

Now it was time for the babies to fly. At first they just flapped around like some kind of monster. One baby fell out of the nest and struggled to fly. The daddy eagle swooped down and caught him, bringing him safely home. **My brother and I couldn't wait to tell our parents what we saw.**





We've made many connections  
traveling trail and track and road.

Field Trippin' every Friday,  
making memories by the load.





Now summer's almost over  
and it's time for camp to end,

but we've learned that each connection  
is a pathway to a friend!



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