

# Grade 1 Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Eira Bugbee, Magnificent Mesquite

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tied): Zander Ollson, The Cloudy Rain

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tied): Spencer Hamilton, Saguaro

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tied): Sofia Isabela Chuc, Conejito

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tied): Farah Ferguson, Walking in the Desert

HM: Cade Reisdorf, untitled

HM: Arkadia Joganic, untitled

HM: Berwin Ahmed, Arizona Desert

HM: Alexandria Norton, Desert

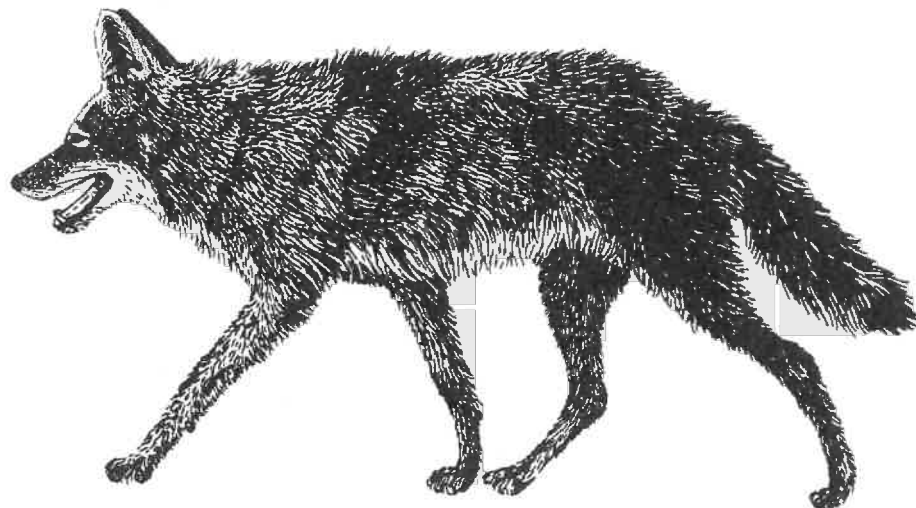
HM: Elijah Marascalco, In the Desert

HM: Jane Olsson, Desert Daisies

HM: Allura Le, Sonoran Desert

HM: Leo Delgado, Lizard

HM: Sully Mehalek-Howard, Rattlesnake





Eira Bugbee  
Magnificent Mesquite  
First Grade  
1st Place

**Magnificent Mesquite**

Sweet pods hug hard black seeds  
Each seed contains a whole world  
That starts as a skinny green and red zigzag  
Sticks with spikes  
Making the earth better  
And the air cleaner  
They grow tall and in every direction  
Rough bark tickles my hands  
And makes cozy homes for lizards  
Each leaf is divided  
As friends gathered at a table  
These mini leaves make big shade  
That cools the ground  
Giant umbrellas to protect all  
Quail have sleepovers in the branches  
Doves make nests  
Black sticky sap drips from the trunk  
Tears for all the mesquites that have been cut down  
Flowers hang like fuzzy caterpillars  
New seedpods grow  
Magnificent worlds for tomorrow.



## The Cloudy Rain

The leaves on the trees  
swayed in the rainy wind.

The raindrops hit the ground  
like shivering ice cubes.

The desert got wet and  
toads came out to play  
on the rainy water.

After all the rain, there were puddles everywhere.

All the leaves floated in the puddles  
like sailboats in the ocean.

Zander Ollson  
The Cloudy Rain  
First Grade  
2nd Place (tied)

## Saguaro

Oh saguaro, in a lonely desert.  
Why do you stand there  
with your prickly beauty?  
How do you survive in the hot desert?  
Sky blue and ground dry.  
Hardly a drop of rain.

Conejito

Cuddly furry

Hopping jumping crushing leaves  
like crunchy cereal in the morning

Looking for food in my front yard

Light-brown hare

Sofia Isabel Chuc  
Conejito  
First Grade  
3rd Place (tied)

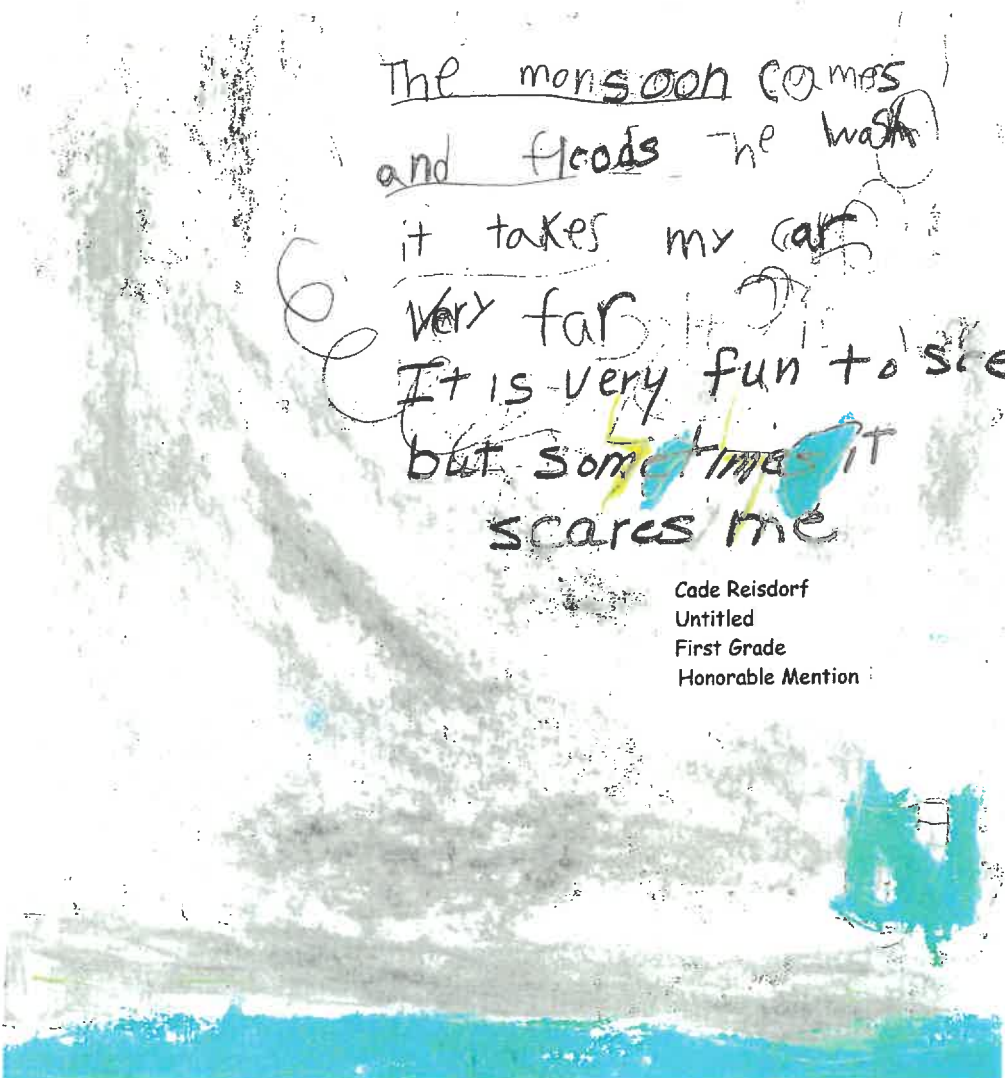
Spencer Hamilton  
Saguaro  
First Grade  
2nd Place (tied)

## Walking in The Desert

Walking in the desert, the trees are as still as the night.  
Watching the shy scorpion hiding,  
I walk past jumping cholla.

The wind is as soft as a hummingbird.  
So many different cactus, I see ahead of me.  
There's a fork but I continue straight.  
I spot a dead lizard.  
I notice all of its scales.  
Next there's a snake.  
The snake is shedding its old green life.  
He slithers a little and goes.

Farah Ferguson  
Walking in the Desert  
First Grade  
3rd Place (tied)



The monsoon comes  
and floods the wash  
it takes my car  
very far  
It is very fun to see  
but sometimes it  
scares me

Cade Reisdorf  
Untitled  
First Grade  
Honorable Mention



## ***In the Desert***

***Birds chirping  
Flowers growing  
Humming birds humming  
Bees buzzing  
Sun setting  
Wolves howling  
Slithering snakes  
Gila monsters eating  
Sun has set  
The moon is out  
The stars are beaming with light  
People go to their tents to sleep  
Owls hoot, bats fly  
There is complete silence  
Night is over  
The days start over again!***

Elijah Marascalco  
In the Desert  
First Grade  
Honorable Mention

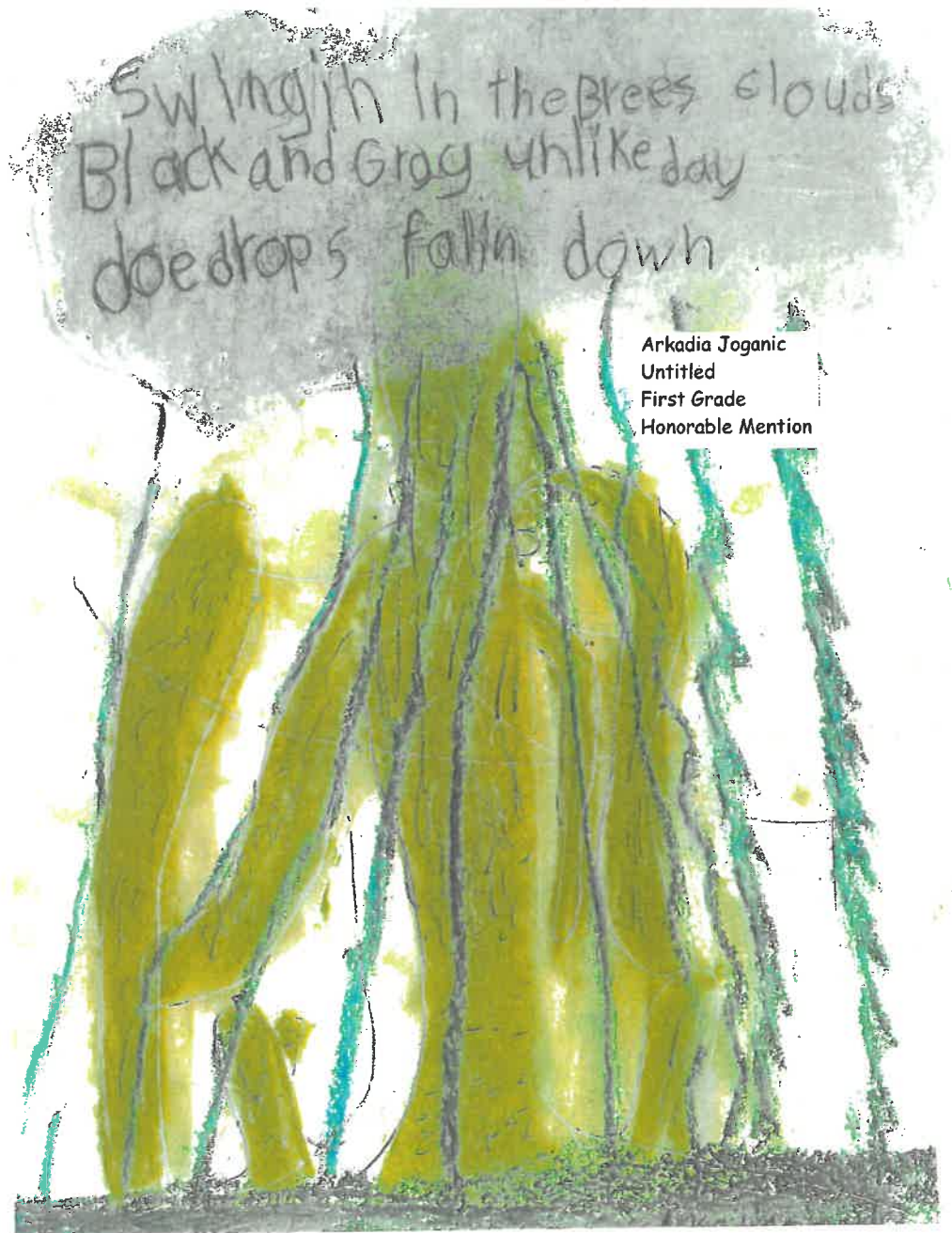
## ***Desert***

***I hear the rain  
A wolf howls  
In the light sky  
An owl flies***

***A bobcat sneaks by  
Rattlesnake rattling  
I see a cactus  
Tortoise and mouse***

***I smell a skunk  
The birds are chirping  
I hear a hummingbird fly by  
I see the sunset  
It's the end of the day!***

Alexandria Norton  
Desert  
First Grade  
Honorable Mention



## Lizard

Lizard  
 Sitting in a jar.  
 I got it to protect it  
 Then I let it go.  
 It ran into the dessert  
 To grow and grow.

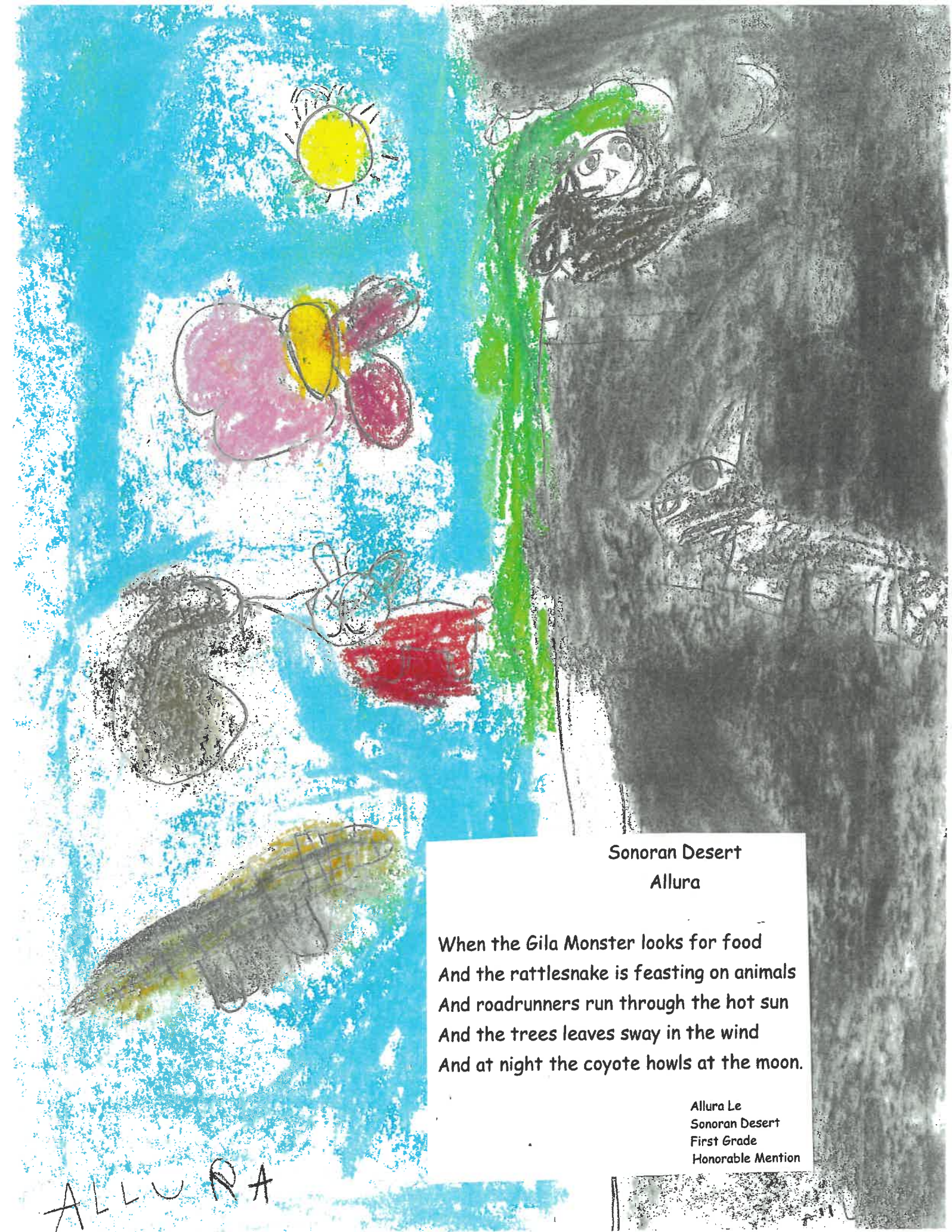
Leo Delgado  
 Lizard  
 First Grade  
 Honorable Mention

## *Arizona Desert*

*I feel the yellow dry grass  
 I hear the rattlesnake rattle  
 I see the sun set  
 Then I see,  
 The beautiful night sky!*

Berwin Ahmed  
 Arizona Desert  
 First Grade  
 Honorable Mention





Sonoran Desert  
Allura

When the Gila Monster looks for food  
And the rattlesnake is feasting on animals  
And roadrunners run through the hot sun  
And the trees leaves sway in the wind  
And at night the coyote howls at the moon.

Allura Le  
Sonoran Desert  
First Grade  
Honorable Mention

ALLURA



Desert Daisies  
Jane

Bunnies hop  
Coyotes run  
Cats meow  
Daisies bloom  
Gust of wind blows  
Happy families of tortoises walk  
Mornings bring joy

Jane Olsson  
Desert Daisies  
First Grade  
Honorable Mention.



## Rattlesnake

The rattlesnake quietly goes into a hole.  
It waits for a mouse to strike and eat it.  
The rattlesnake waits and does not quit.  
Suddenly the mouse gets bit.  
The rattlesnake eats it whole.

Sully Mehalek-Howard  
Rattlesnake  
First Grade  
Honorable Mention

