

# WRITE OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

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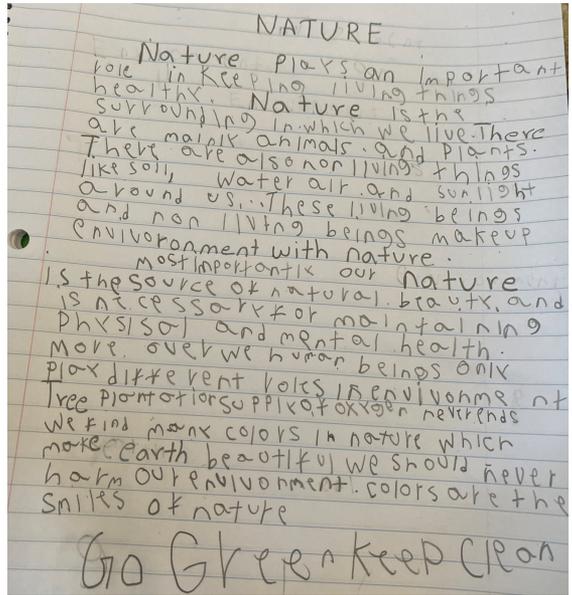
Category: Grades K-2

Nature

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Nature plays an important role in keeping living things healthy. Nature is the surrounding in which we live. There are mainly animals and plants. There are also non-living things like soil, water, air, and sunlight around us. These living beings and non-living beings make up environment with nature.



Most importantly our nature is the source of natural beauty and is necessary for maintaining physical and mental health. More over we human beings only play different roles in environment. Tree plantation supply oxygen never ends. We find many colors in nature which make Earth beautiful. We should never harm our environment. Colors are the smiles of nature.

Go Green Keep Clean.

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Category: Grades 3-5

*Why I Like Lone Elk Park*

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Lone Elk Park is one of the best conservation places in Missouri. There are many reasons why I think so.

One reason is the park in general. There are picnic tables, hiking trails, pavilions, and a road that goes around the whole park so that you can go to places faster. The scenery is beautiful and it looks like how a normal forest would look. (Besides the stuff that they added in.) There are also spots on the area where you drive where you can pull over to take a picture.

Another reason is all of the animals. You can see deer, elk, bison, geese, and other things. There are also different parts of the park where certain animals are. For example, there is a spot where you can see bison and there is one where you can see elk. But, you can't go approach them. (Because they are wild animals.) There are a lot of animals there and it is really cool to be able to see them not in cages.

In conclusion, I think that Lone Elk Park is one of the best conservation areas in Missouri. It is a good place to go during the pandemic while everything is closed. You should go there sometime!



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*Three Steps to Green*

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Under the massive, old willow.  
The gentle breeze blew.  
The field of grass that stretched far beyond.  
The yellow flowers that grew and grew.  
In the glimpse of my eye,  
the plastic bag did fly.  
I cautiously stepped over.  
Reach out,  
Grab.  
I held it in my hands.  
The blue plastic glistened in the sun.  
One foot in front of the other.  
Onto the pavement  
Over to the bin.  
Reach out,  
Drop.



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*Rain*

Lauren McLeod, 15

Rain;

The constant echo of drops filling the desolation of the quiet night  
The soft rumble of thunder sending a wave throughout  
The clear liquid pounding as it crashes into the plethora of water below

Although many think of rain as an inconvenience,  
A reason to stay inside and hide,  
The rain opens a window to a world of opportunity.

The rain sliding down the legumes of food that fuels our body,  
Allowing for the trees, we use as shade from the sun on a hot day  
The shower provides for there to be oxygen in our lungs and for there to be  
water to drink  
It provides water for our heart and lungs to function

The water that falls from the sky brings solitude in the pursuit of all living  
things  
Without rain, where would we be?

The familiar echo of drops filling the desolation of the quiet night  
The soft rumble of thunder sending a wave throughout  
The clear liquid pounding as it crashes into a plethora of water beneath

All these things are seen as an inconvenience, yet no one knows the  
privilege and power it holds

Rain; a necessity for all  
Yet, a privilege to most



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