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"SILVER STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES"
by MOLLY

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THE WINNERS!

KINDERGARTEN

- 1st Place: "Ballet" by Claire**
Brookfield Elementary School
- 2nd Place: "Bolt's Adventure" by Drew**
Our Lady of the Snows
- 3rd Place: "Harriet Tubman" by Emery**
Poulakidas Elementary School

FIRST GRADE

- 1st Place: "Ruby Bridge" by Mackinley**
Spanish Springs Elementary School
- 2nd Place: "Are You Ready to go Investigate Italy?" by Sophia**
Minden Elementary School
- 3rd Place: "Ocean Animals are Very Cool" by Elliot**
Smithridge STEM Academy

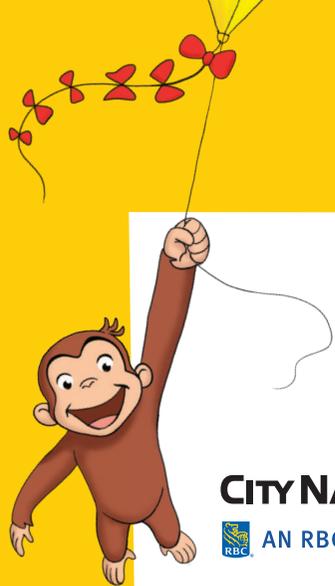
SECOND GRADE

- 1st Place: "Lunar Living" by Claire**
Doral Academy
- 2nd Place: "Harriet Tubman" by Olivia**
Bohach Elementary School
- 3rd Place: "A Flying Cloud" by Faith**
Coral Academy of Science

THIRD GRADE

- 1st Place: "Toucan Investigates Deforestation" by Arika**
- 2nd Place: "Silver State Endangered Species" by Molly**
Westergard Elementary School
- 3rd Place: "Machu Picchu" by Addilynn**
Spanish Springs Elementary School





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PBS member station, PBS Reno, serving northern Nevada and northeastern California, is proud to take present the PBS Reno Curiosity Classroom Writers Contest.

Few things can capture a child's imagination like a good book. PBS Reno Curiosity Classroom Writers Contest invites children, kindergarten through third grade, in communities across our area to use their boundless imaginations to create original stories and illustrations and then submit them to their local PBS station. This year, thousands of children from across northern Nevada and northeastern California participated in the PBS Reno Curiosity Classroom Writers Contest, building their creative voices, and developing critical reading and writing skills.

Visit our website at pbsreno.org/writerscontest to find out more about the contest, read the winning stories and watch the winners announce their stories.



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THIRD GRADE: 2nd Place

**“Silver State
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