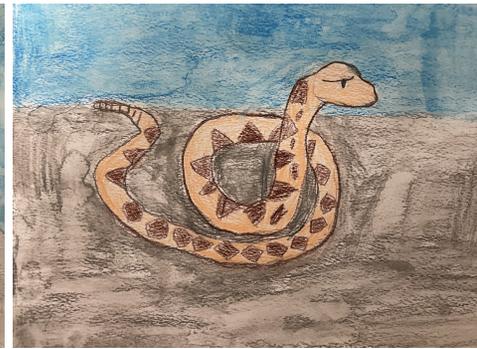


A Day in the Life: Eastern Sierra Animals



By The Big Pine Elementary Second Grade



A Day in the Life of Woodpecker

By Aaron G.

It is a warm summer morning. Woodpecker is just waking up in his nest in the forest. Birds are singing.

Woodpecker turns his black and red head to look around. He sees a snake slithering below. Hungry, Woodpecker flies off in search of food.

Woodpecker opens his black wings and flies. He lands on a tree and taps it with his beak. Woodpecker eats the insects he finds inside. Then he flies to another tree and starts hammering.

Suddenly, Woodpecker hears a howl. A coyote creeps closer. Woodpecker freezes. He knows that to a coyote, he will make a tasty meal.

Woodpecker flies away. The coyote jumps at him, but can't reach Woodpecker. The coyote gives up and runs off.

The sun is setting. Woodpecker settles back into his nest. He is ready to rest at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Bighorn Sheep

By Aaron R.

It is early morning in the spring. Bighorn Sheep is just waking up on a rocky hillside high in the mountains. He hears leaves rustling in the wind and birds chirping.

Bighorn Sheep stands on top of a large rock to get a better view. He sees a grassy meadow below. Hungry, Bighorn Sheep scrambles down in search of food.

Bighorn Sheep walks through a meadow high in the mountains. Surrounded by green grass, he begins to graze.

Suddenly, Bighorn Sheep sees a shadow in the bushes. A bobcat! The golden spotted bobcat slowly approaches. Bighorn Sheep freezes. He knows that to a bobcat, he will make a tasty meal.

Bighorn Sheep warns his flock, then runs away. But the bobcat is right behind him. Bighorn Sheep turns to fight with his big curved horns. The bobcat gets hurt and runs away.

The sun is setting. Bighorn Sheep settles back into a high place to sleep for the night. Bighorn Sheep may brave the bobcat again tomorrow, but for now he is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Turtle

By Adrian

It is early morning in summer. Turtle is just waking up in his mud pile in the wetlands. Birds are singing.

Turtle lifts his head to look around. He sees fish jumping in the water. Hungry, Turtle slowly walks in search of food.

Turtle slowly walks around the pond. He spots leaves on green bushes near the water. Turtle munches on the crunchy leaves.

Suddenly, Turtle hears a loud bark. A dog! The dog slowly sneaks closer. Turtle freezes. He knows that to the dog, he will make a tasty meal.

Turtle pulls his head and body into his shell. The dog sniffs the shell, but he can't get inside. After a while, the dog gives up and goes away.

The sun is setting. Turtle digs back into his mud pile. He is ready to rest at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Beaver

By Augie

It is a cool summer morning. Beaver is just waking up in his warm, dry lodge in the middle of a pond. Frogs are croaking in the middle of the pond. Birds are chirping in the trees.

Beaver poked out his sleek, brown head to look around. Beaver sees white logs piled at the edge of the pond and aspen trees around the water. Hungry, Beaver swims off in search of food.

Beaver scampers on the shore near the pond. He spots a bush with tasty green leaves. He eats them. Then, he gnaws on an aspen tree.

Suddenly, Beaver hears hooting nearby. An owl! The large spotted owl flies closer. Beaver freezes. He knows that to an owl, he will make a tasty meal.

Beaver runs to his pond and dives in. He swims away where the owl can't follow. The owl gives up and flies away.

The moon is rising. Beaver settles back into his lodge. Beaver will brave the owl again tomorrow, but for now he is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Scorpion

By Braydyn G.

It is a hot, spring evening. Scorpion is sleeping in his sandy burrow in the desert. He hears a snake hissing nearby.

Scorpion pokes out his golden brown head to look around. Scorpion sees a rattlesnake curled up in the sand. Hungry, Scorpion crawls off in search of food.

Scorpion scuttles across the sand on his eight skinny legs. He sees a fat juicy beetle crawling up a rock. Scorpion stings the beetle with his curved tail. The venom paralyzes the beetle, making him easy to catch and eat. Then Scorpion continues his search for food.

Suddenly, Scorpion sees a lizard behind a rock. The lizard creeps closer. Scorpion freezes. He knows that to a lizard he would make a tasty meal.

Scorpion stings the lizard with his venomous tail. Then, Scorpion sprints back to the safety of his burrow. The lizard wants to follow, but he is paralyzed by Scorpion's venom.

The sun is rising. Scorpion settles into his warm cozy burrow. Scorpion is tired at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Pika

By Carmen

It is morning in fall. Pika is just waking up in her underground den high in the mountains.

Pika pokes up her furry brown head to look around. She sees tiny white wildflowers in the grass. Hungry, Pika walks off in search of food.

Pika walks up a rock. He sees some grass and eats it. He saves some leaves for later, taking them back to his den and adding them to his haystack.

Suddenly, Pika sees a large shadow. A coyote! The coyote moves closer. Pika freezes. She knows that to a coyote, she will make a tasty snack.

Pika whistles loudly to warn the others. Then she runs to the rocks to hide. The coyote chases her to the rocks but is too big to fit in between the cracks. Pika waits until the coyote leaves, then comes back outside.

The sun is setting. Pika settles back into her underground den, ready to sleep. She is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Raccoon

By Channon

It is a warm summer evening. Raccoon is just waking up in his den in the wetlands. Frogs are croaking.

Raccoon pokes his black and white masked head out of his den to look around. He sees a murky pond. Hungry, Raccoon scampers off in search of food.

Raccoon runs near the pond. He spots a large silver trash can. Raccoon climbs on top and knocks off the lid. Then he dives inside and digs for food. Soon he is eating a banana peel and chicken bones.

Suddenly, Raccoon catches a glimpse of golden brown fur with dark spots. A bobcat! The bobcat sneaks up to Raccoon. Raccoon freezes. He knows that to a bobcat, he will make a tasty meal.

Raccoon hisses and growls at the bobcat. Then he sprints away. The bobcat chases him. Raccoon climbs into a hollow tree to hide. The bobcat sits at the bottom of the tree for a little while, then gives up and runs away.

The sun is rising. Raccoon settles back into his den. Raccoon is ready to rest at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Mountain Lion

By Ella

It is a cool fall evening. Mountain Lion is just waking up in the bushes in the mountains. The wind rustles the leaves. Stars sparkle in the sky.

Mountain Lion pokes his soft golden head out of the bushes to look around. He sees a small stream slowly snaking through a grassy meadow. Hungry, Mountain Lion stalks off in search of food.

Mountain Lion runs through the forest. He smells a tasty rabbit. Mountain Lion sneaks up on the soft white rabbit and pounces. Then he tears into the rabbit with his sharp teeth.

Suddenly, Mountain Lion hears footsteps. A bear! The huge brown bear runs toward Mountain Lion. Mountain Lion freezes. He knows that to a bear, he will make a tasty meal.

Mountain Lion roars at the big bear. The bear growls back. Mountain Lion swats at the bear with his sharp claws. Bear cries out and runs away.

The sun is rising. Mountain lion settles back down in the bushes. He is ready to sleep at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Bullfrog

By Eric

It is a warm summer day. Bullfrog is sleeping in his muddy underwater home in the wetland. He hears a coyote howling nearby.

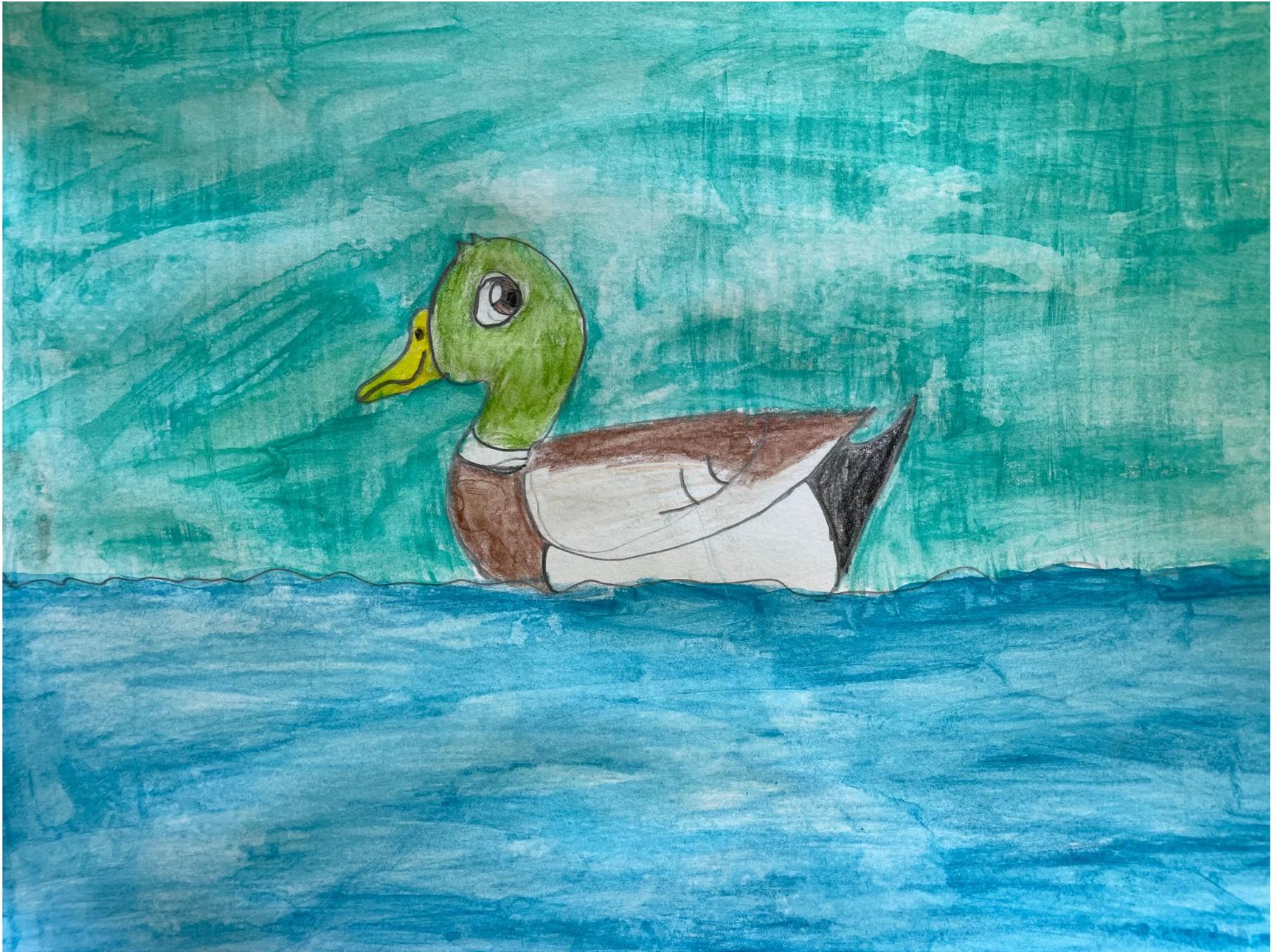
Bullfrog lifts up his slimy green head to look around. Bullfrog sees fish swimming in the water and trees surrounding his pond. Hungry, Bullfrog swims to the shore and jumps away to look for food.

Bullfrog sees a fly buzzing around near a blade of grass. Bullfrog uses his springy legs to hop to the top of the grass and eats the fly. Then Bullfrog sees a tiny mouse. He jumps onto the mouse and eats it.

Suddenly, Bullfrog notices a tail and a head in a tree. A raccoon jumps down from the tree. Bullfrog watches. He knows that to a raccoon he will make a tasty meal.

Bullfrog uses the camouflage of his green and brown skin to blend in with the plants near the pond. Then he jumps in the water and swims away as fast as he can. The raccoon tries to swim after him, but cannot follow him under the water. Finally, the raccoon gives up and swims away.

The moon is rising. A water snake is hissing near the pond. Bullfrog settles back into the mud. He is ready to rest at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Mallard Duck

By Gideon

It is a warm spring morning. Mallard Duck is sleeping in his nest by the pond. He hears frogs croaking and coyotes howling.

Mallard Duck lifts up his dark green head to look around. He sees fish swimming in the water. Hungry, Mallard Duck gets up to look for food.

Mallard Duck waddles over the sandy beach near the water. He sees bugs. Mallard Duck swims into the water and gobbles them up with his yellow beak.

Suddenly, Mallard Duck sees a beaver hiding behind the dam at the edge of the pond. The beaver creeps closer. Mallard Duck watches. He knows that to a beaver, a duck will make a tasty meal.

Mallard Duck waddles away. The beaver edges closer. Then Mallard Duck jumps into the air and flies away. Beaver gives up and goes back to working on his dam.

The sun is setting. The frogs are croaking again and a coyote howls in the distance. Mallard Duck settles back into his nest. He is sleepy at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Kit Fox

By Harmony

It is early morning in summer. Kit Fox is just waking up in her den in the desert. A coyote is howling.

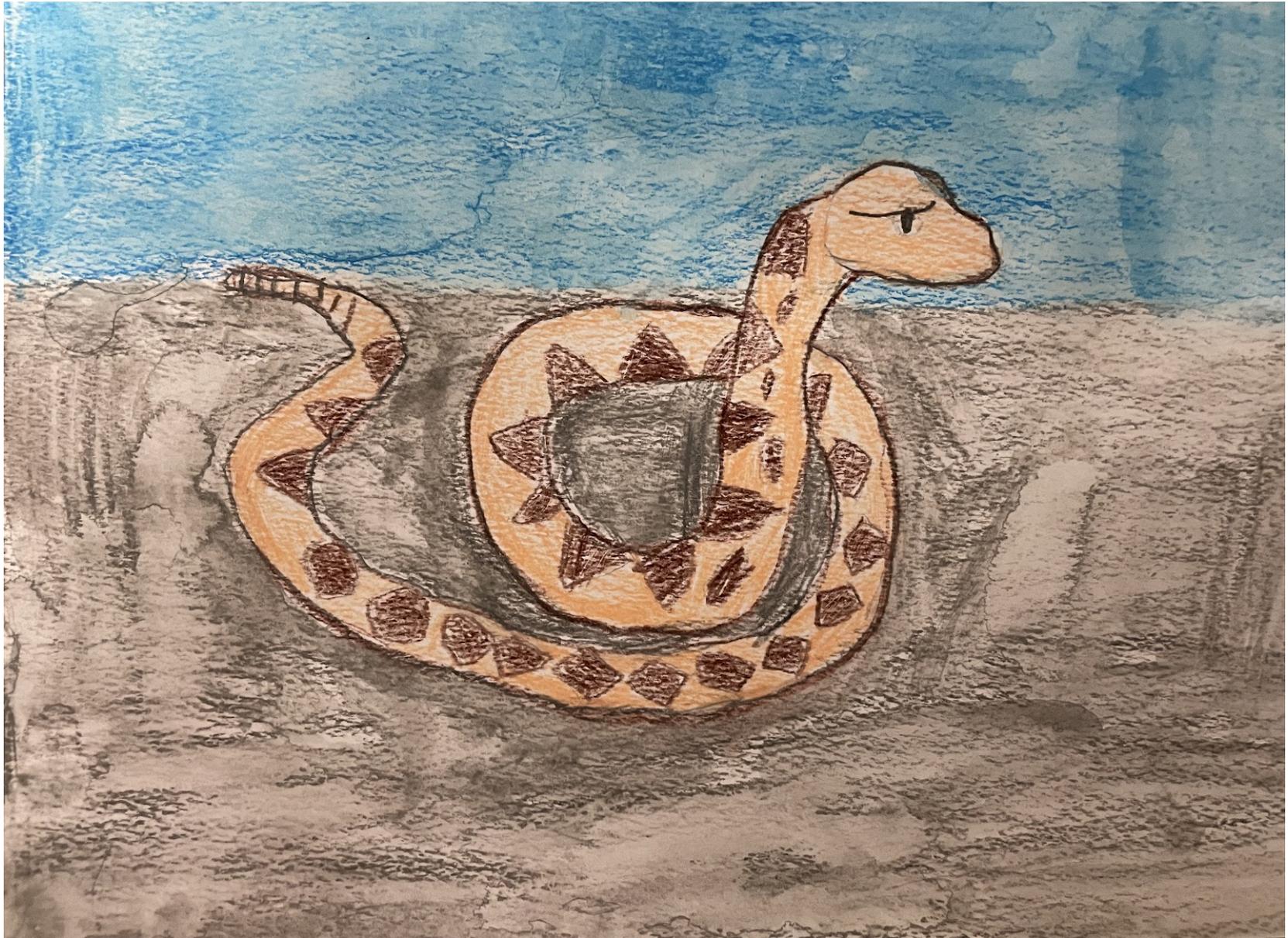
Kit Fox pokes her soft brown head out of her den to look around. She sees sandy hills and green cactus. Hungry, Kit Fox walks in search of food.

Kit Fox runs up a hill. She spots a tiny brown mouse. Kit Fox pounces on the mouse and eats it.

Suddenly, Kit Fox hears howling nearby. A coyote! The grayish brown coyote sneaks closer. Kit Fox freezes. She knows that to a coyote, she will make a tasty meal.

Kit Fox barks at the coyote. Then she runs away. Kit Fox runs as fast as she can to her den to hide. The coyote waits outside the den. Then the coyote gives up and goes away.

The sun is rising. Kit Fox settles back into her den. She is ready to sleep at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Rattlesnake

By Jase

It is a cool summer morning. Rattlesnake is just waking up in his rocky den in the desert. The sand shifts as another snake slithers by. Rattlesnake sees bright pink flowers on a cactus.

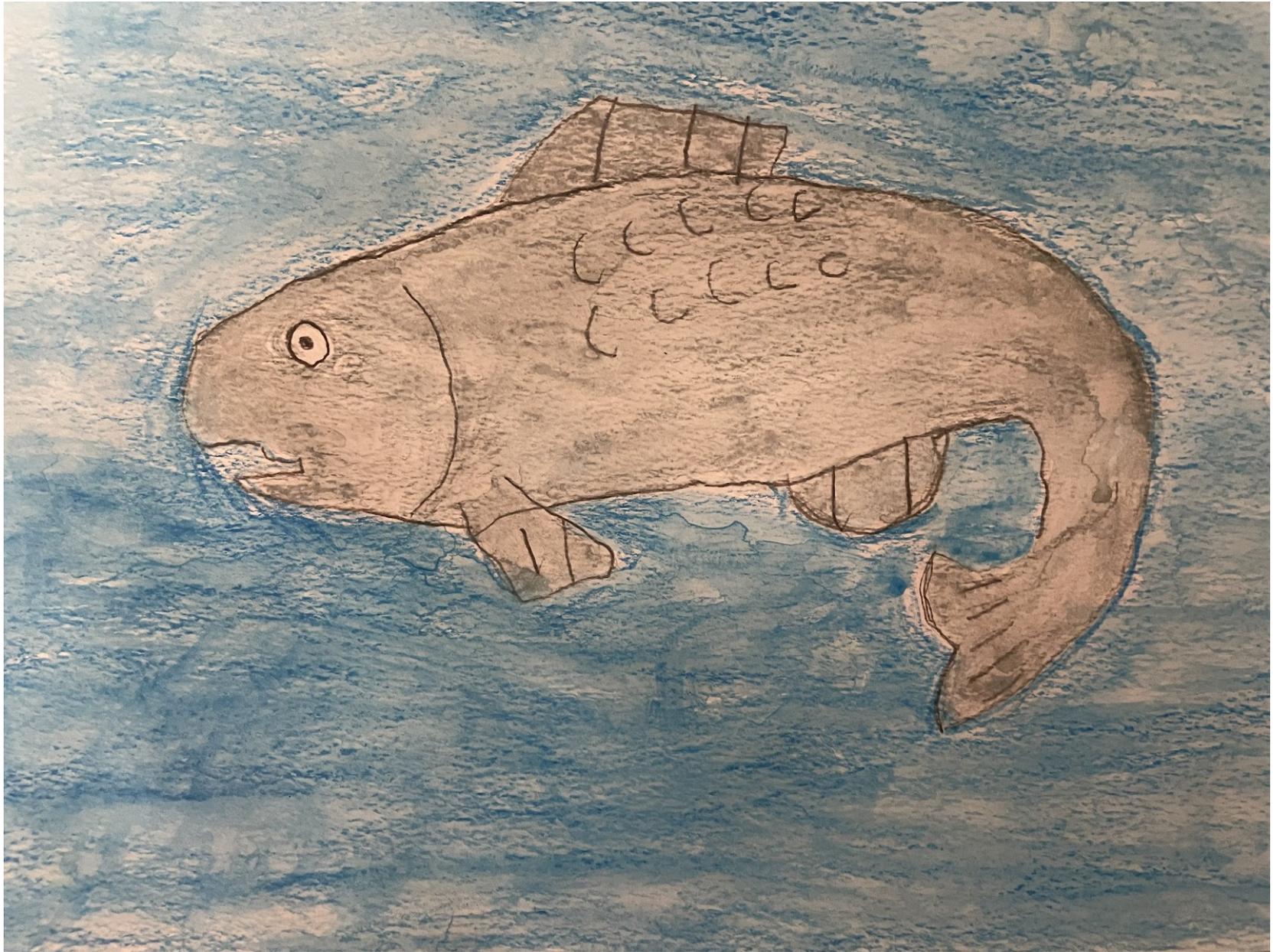
Rattlesnake pokes out his brown triangular head to look around. He sees brown thorny bushes and big gray rocks. Hungry, Rattlesnake slithers away in search of food.

Rattlesnake sneaks across the sand. He spots a white-tailed Jackrabbit. He strikes the Jackrabbit with his deadly venom. Then, he swallows it whole in one big gulp.

Rattlesnake notices a large shadow moving across the sand. An Eagle! The large brown eagle swoops closer. Rattlesnake freezes. He knows that to an eagle, he will make a tasty meal.

Rattlesnake rattles his tail. The eagle flies closer with its sharp deadly talons out. Rattlesnake strikes at the eagle with his venomous fangs, but misses. The eagle flies away.

The sun is setting. Rattlesnake settles back into his den. He will brave the eagle again tomorrow, but for now he is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Owens Valley Pupfish

By Jayceon

It is a warm spring morning. Pupfish is just waking up on the bottom of his clear pond.

Pupfish uses his silvery blue fins to swim up to the top of the pond to look around. He sees other fish jumping for insects. Hungry, Pupfish swims off to search for food.

Pupfish swims through the cool water. He spots a small insect. He scoops it up in his mouth and eats it.

Suddenly, Pupfish notices a large shadow. A largemouth bass! The bass swims closer. Pupfish freezes. He knows that to a largemouth bass, he will make a tasty meal.

Pupfish swims to the bottom of the pond to hide. The bass swims around nearby, then swims away.

The moon is rising. Pupfish settles back to the bottom of the pond. He is ready to rest at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Horned Lizard

By Jim

It is a hot summer morning. Horned Lizard is just waking up in his hole in the desert. Sand rustles nearby. Sagebrush and bushes blow in the wind.

Horned Lizard pops his spiky head out of his hole to look around. He sees green bushes and red sand. Hungry, Horned Lizard skitters off in search of food.

Horned Lizard skitters across the desert sand. He spots some red ants crawling. Horned Lizard eats them with his long, sticky tongue.

Suddenly, Horned Lizard hears a rustling in the sand. A bobcat! The bobcat creeps up on Horned Lizard. Horned Lizard freezes. He knows that to a bobcat, he will make a really tasty meal.

Horned Lizard shoots blood from his eyes. Then, Horned Lizard scampers away. The bobcat chases him until he gets safely to his hole. The bobcat runs off in search of food.

The full moon is rising. Horned Lizard settles back into his hole. He will brave the bobcat again tomorrow, but for now he is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Deer

By Kassidy

It is early morning in summer. Deer is just waking up where he is bedded down in the tall grass of the forest.

Deer lifts his brown head with its two small antlers and looks around. He sees tall green grass and pine trees.

Hungry, Deer leaves his grassy bed to go find food.

Deer runs near a pond. He spots berries on a green leafy bush. Deer grabs a mouthful of leaves and berries.

Suddenly, Deer spots a large tan cat moving toward her. A mountain lion! The mountain lion creeps closer. Deer freezes. He knows that to a mountain lion, he will make a tasty meal.

Deer runs away with others in his herd. The mountain lion chases them. Deer runs as hard as he can. He hears a loud cry as the mountain lion catches a slower deer behind him. He runs faster to get away.

The sun is setting. Deer settles back into the grass. He will brave the mountain lion again tomorrow, but for now he is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Squirrel

By Katrina

It is early morning in fall. It is a bit cold. Squirrel is just waking up in her tree cavity in the forest. Squirrel hears leaves rustling, birds chirping, and water running in a stream. Red, golden, and brown leaves are falling from the trees.

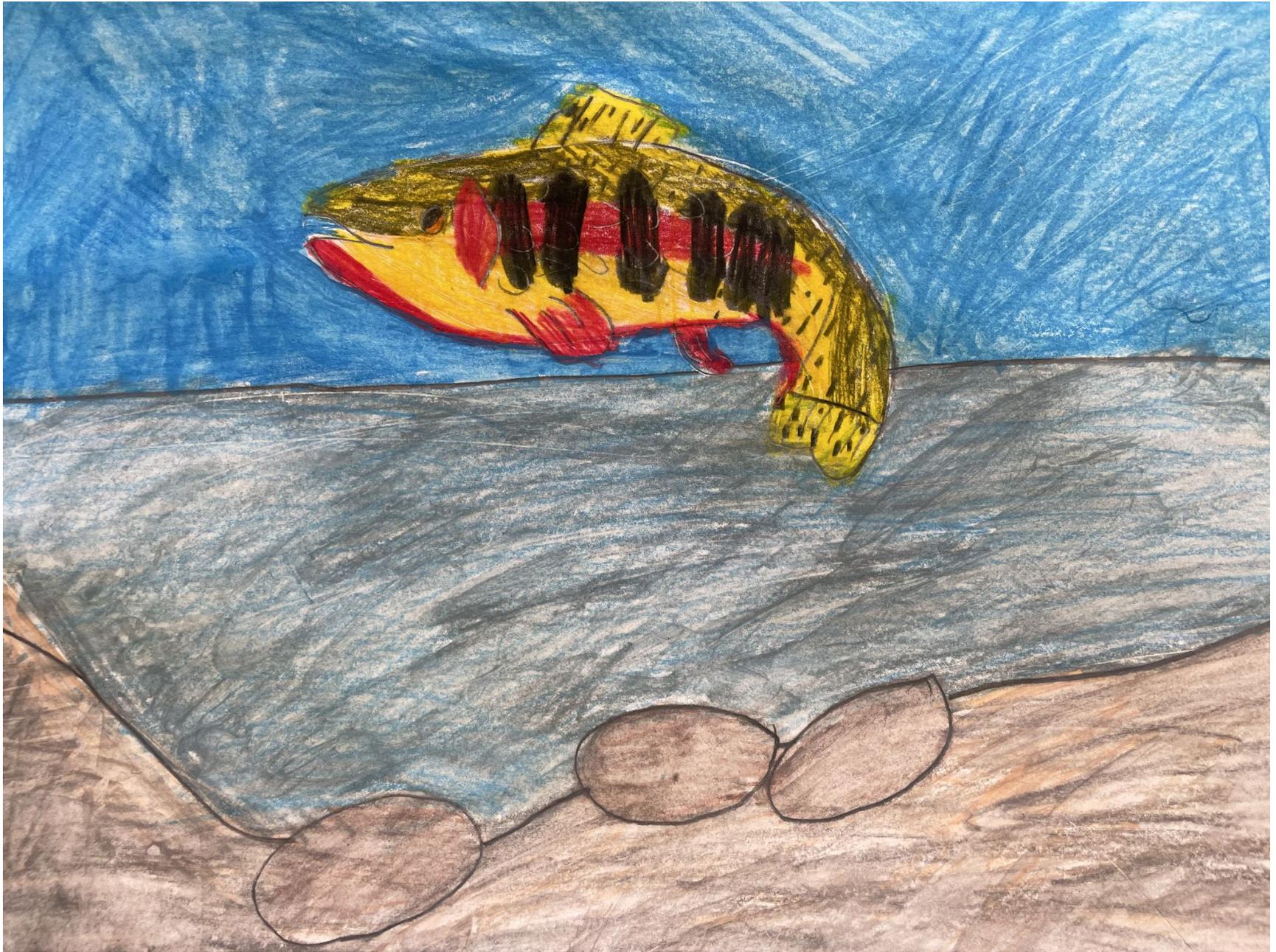
Squirrel poked out her furry little brown head to look around. She sees a small creek and tall green pine trees. Leaves cover the ground. Hungry, Squirrel scampers off in search of food.

Squirrel scampers up a tree in the forest to look for food up high. She spots a nut. She climbs down the tree to get it. She eats the nut. Then, she looks for more food. When she finds some, she buries it in the ground to save for later in a place she can find it again.

Suddenly, Squirrel sees a big furry cat nearby. A big bobcat! The bobcat is getting ready to pounce. Squirrel sprints up a tree. She knows that to a bobcat, she will be a tasty meal.

Squirrel makes a loud noise to warn other squirrels. Then Squirrel scampers up the nearest tree to hide. The bobcat waits at the base of the tree for a while, but doesn't climb up. Finally, the bobcat gives up and walks away.

The sun is setting. Squirrel settles back into her tree cavity. Squirrel will brave the bobcat again tomorrow, but for now she is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Golden Trout

By Kol

It is a cold spring morning. Golden Trout is sleeping in a rocky creek through the forest. Coyotes are yipping.

Golden Trout pokes out his scaly green and gold head to look around. Golden Trout sees tall grass and pine trees near the bank of the creek. Hungry, Golden Trout swims off in search of food.

Golden Trout swims up the creek. He sees insect larvae digging in the sand. Golden Trout gobbles it up. Then, Golden Trout spots mosquitoes on top of the water. He scoops them up in his mouth.

Suddenly, Golden Trout senses the water vibrating. A bobcat crawls closer on the shore. Golden Trout freezes. He knows that the bobcat can scoop him up in its claws.

Golden Trout swims away from shore. He swims deep in the water and hides among the rocks lining the creek.

The sun is setting. Frogs croak on the bank of the creek. Golden Trout settles back into the rocky creek bottom. He is tired at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Bald Eagle

By Lance

It is a cool summer morning. Bald Eagle is just waking up in his large nest perched on rocky cliffs high in the mountains. Bald Eagle hears a mountain lion scream.

Bald Eagle lifted his white head to look around. He sees the rocky cliffs and a grassy meadow below. Hungry, Bald Eagle soars away in search of food.

Bald Eagle flies over the cliffs. He spots a fish in a large blue lake. He dives down and scoops up the fish with his sharp yellow beak.

Suddenly, Bald Eagle hears hooting nearby. A great horned owl! The owl leaves his tree and soars above. Bald Eagle freezes. He knows that to a great horned owl, he will make a tasty meal.

Bald Eagle attacks. He hits the owl with his powerful wings and snaps at the owl with his sharp beak. The owl tries to hit back, but soon gives up and flies away.

The sun is setting. Bald Eagle settles back into his nest. Bald Eagle will brave the owl again tomorrow, but for now he is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Red Fox

By Leo

It is a cool fall evening. Red Fox is just waking up in his warm den in the forest. Leaves are rustling on the trees.

Red Fox poked out his orangish-brown head to look around. He sees tall pine trees and red and yellow leaves.

Hungry, Red Fox moves fast to find his food.

Red Fox is walking through the forest. He spots a brown squirrel. Red Fox sneaks up behind the squirrel. When he is close enough, he pounces.

Suddenly, Red Fox hears something in the bushes. It's a mountain lion!! The sandy brown mountain lion slowly creeps closer. Red Fox freezes. He knows that to a mountain lion, he will make a tasty meal.

Red Fox gives a loud bark. Then he dashes away. The mountain lion chases Red Fox all the way to his den. The mountain lion can't get inside and leaves.

The sun is rising. Red Fox settles back into his den. He is ready to rest at the end of the day.



A Day in the Life of Black Bear

By Rosalie

It is a chilly fall morning. Bear is just waking up in her cozy den in the forest. The wind is rustling the green leaves.

Bear pokes out her brown head to look around. Bear sees green trees and grass. Hungry, Bear walks away in search of food.

Bear is walking through the forest. She spots some large fish in a deep blue lake. Yum! Bear wades into the water and scoops up the fish in her mouth.

Suddenly, Bear hears leaves crunching and sees a large shadow behind her. A hunter! Bear freezes. She knows that to a hunter, she will make a tasty meal.

Bear woofs to scare the hunter away. Then she runs. The hunter shoots at the bear, but misses. Bear keeps running and gets away.

The sun is setting. Bear settles back into her den. She is ready to sleep at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Coyote

By Sofia

It is a warm spring evening. Coyote is just waking up in her cool dark den in the desert. She hears sand blowing. She sees rocks, cactus, and shrubs.

Coyote pokes out her white and tan head to look around. She sees green cactus and blowing sand. Hungry, Coyote runs off in search of food.

Coyote runs through the desert. She spots a brown squirrel. Coyote chases it. When she gets close, she pounces. Then she tears it apart with her sharp teeth.

Suddenly, Coyote hears bushes rustling nearby. A mountain lion! The large brown mountain lion creeps closer. Coyote freezes. She knows that to a mountain lion, she will make a tasty meal.

Coyote howls. Then she runs to hide. The mountain lion chases her back to her den, but it can't get inside. The mountain lion waits for a while, then gives up.

The moon is setting. Coyote settles back into her den. She will brave the mountain lion again tomorrow, but for now she is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Marmot

By Timmy

It is an icy spring morning. Marmot is waking up in his burrow in the mountains. Footsteps crunch on a nearby trail as hikers pass by.

Marmot pokes out his brown head to look around. He sees people hiking on the trail. Hungry, Marmot runs off in search of food.

Marmot climbs up a rock. He spots some green plants. Marmot munches on them.

Suddenly, Marmot sees a shadow on the rocks. A fox! The red fox creeps closer. Marmot freezes. He knows that to a fox, he will make a tasty meal.

Marmot whistles loudly to warn the others. Then he runs to his underground burrow to hide. The fox can't fit in the hole. The fox gives up and runs away.

The sun is setting. Marmot settles back into his burrow. Marmot will brave the fox again tomorrow, but for now he is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.



A Day in the Life of Great Blue Heron

By Trinity

It is morning time in spring. Great Blue Heron is just waking up in her nest in the wetlands. Great Blue Heron hears water splash in the lake. She sees sparkling blue water.

Great Blue Heron lifts up her head to look around. She sees a flock of herons flying over the pond. Hungry, Great Blue Heron flies off in search of food.

Great Blue Heron flies over the water. She spots fish down below. She dives down and scoops it up in her long beak.

Suddenly, Great Blue Heron hears a hooting up in the tree. A large great horned owl with two feathery horns! Great Blue Heron freezes. She knows that to a great horned owl, she will make a tasty meal.

Great Blue Heron hides in a tall tree. The great horned owl looks around for a while, then gives up and flies away.

The sun is setting. Great Blue Heron settles back into her nest. She will brave the great horned owl again tomorrow, but for now she is happy to be safe at the end of a long day.