

Mrs. Larson's seventh graders, inspired by Buck from The Call of the Wild, wrote their own original stories about animals solving problems. Read each of the stories below and be prepared to discuss each writer's IDEA DEVELOPMENT skills and WORD CHOICE skills.



Keep Trying, Molly!

by Jothika, 7th grade writer

Molly was an underweight hippo and everyone teased her about it. She started eating more, and as the years went by, she became extremely obese and people still teased her.

So she tried losing weight by running, but she got too exhausted easily, so that didn't work. Then she tried riding her bike, but she was too heavy for it, so that didn't work either. Molly tried swimming, but she was too big for the twelve foot pool. She thought there was no hope at all.

But the next day, she went to the ice cream shop and found out they had treadmills for people to work out on. Molly decided to try to lose weight one last time. Surprisingly, Molly lost 170 lbs. in only 45 minutes! She wondered how this was possible and found out that the treadmills were the "The Magical Miracle Maker Series!" And then Molly was the perfect-sized hippo in all of hippo world!



Boingo, the Rabbit

by Brady, 7th grade writer

Boingo faced the great problem of how to escape the Boa Constrictor. Bo had pursued Boingo all through the rain forest, and Boingo didn't know where to go next.

As the pursuit continued, Boingo discovered that night was approaching, for the small amount of visible sky had been tinted a light orange. Boingo panicked because he could not see in the dark. Bo, however, could easily guide his way through the dark, mossy trees with his sharp senses.

Bo heard Boingo's soft feet pounce through the marshy ground, then silence. Bo saw Boingo slip into a hole, but he easily followed. Boingo leaped across some quicksand, but Bo used the trees. Boingo was running out of time and energy – he had to act fast! Then, Boingo saw one obstacle only he could overcome; a river. He jumped as far as he could and made it; Bo did not follow. Boingo was finally safe...for now.



Bobette's Lost Treasure

by Jessica, 7th grade writer

One night Bobette the gazelle had a terrible quandary; she had lost her treasure. She didn't know what to do. She rummaged high and low, but the treasure was nowhere to be found. Bobette was the saddest gazelle in the whole land of gazelles.

Bobette had searched in the living room. She looked in the cushions and under the couches, but her treasure wasn't there. The sad gazelle also searched in the kitchen. Bobette had rummaged in the cabinets and even in the dishwasher. She rummaged through her room, but still no treasure. Finally, Bobette gave up since she didn't know where her long lost treasure had gone.

Bobette was brushing her teeth when she realized that still hadn't searched the bathroom. She looked in the cabinet, but no treasure. Finally, she looked in the toilet and there was the treasure! Bobette remembered then that she was playing with her Polly Pockets that morning and they were on a ship trying to get away from the pirates. And that is how Bobette the Gazelle found her long lost treasure.