

Inspired by Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Madison wrote the following piece. She was working on the traits of **organization** and **word choice**.

With a partner, read over Madison's final draft, and comment on her organization and word choice.



Left-overs

by Madison, fifth grade writer

"This morning," announced the weatherman, "there will be a 70% chance of hash brown, 90% chance of scrambled eggs, and a 40% of spinach oatmeal." I listened to the radio while I looked out the window, waiting for Mom to bring in breakfast.

Then, scrambled eggs started racing toward the ground. Salty and delightful. The hash browns floated gracefully into Mom's baskets. Crispy and wonderful. After that, it started sprinkling spinach oatmeal, Grandpa's favorite. I think that is icky and revolting!

"For lunch today," he went on, "there is a slight chance of tater tots, a definite chance of beef stroganoff, and a 50% chance of steak and cheese subs."

The tater tots pelted toward the ground. Unhealthy, but scrumptious! It drizzled beef stroganoff for about ten minutes. Meaty and savory. Then came the steak and cheese subs. They gracefully fell down from the clouds. Heavenly and nutritious.

"Finally," he said enthusiastically, "my favorite, lasagna! A 70% chance of it. An 80% chance of meatloaf, and a 100% chance of pork chops. Wow, that's a lot of meat!!"

The lasagna got carried in by the wind, splattering against the window. Delicious and appetizing. The meatloaf poured down. Tangy and yummy. Then came the pork chops. The wind changed directions so that the pork could come in peacefully, and not form a pork 'n lasagna tornado. Just the way I like it-spicy and spontaneous.

As I waited at the windowsill for Mom to bring in dinner, I heard her calling me from a distance, saying, "Wake up! It's time for dinner. WAKE UP!!"

I woke up. I had fallen asleep at the window while I had been waiting for the rain to stop, so I could play outside. "What are we having for dinner?" I asked.

"Leftovers."

"Like what?"

"Hash browns, scrambled eggs, spinach oatmeal. tater tots, beef stroganoff, steak and cheese subs, lasagna, meatloaf, and pork chops."

I walked over to the table, sat down, and started eating!!