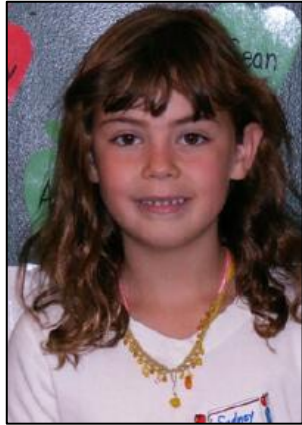


Mrs. Hartzell's first graders used The Important Book to inspire detail-filled writing about their own lives. Read Sydney, Pablo, and Mikey's paragraphs and be prepared to talk about which detail in each passage was the strongest.

The most important thing about me is I am inventive. I can help you have more fun in your life. I will make true friends with you. I will answer your difficult questions. But the most important thing about me is I am inventive.



Sydney, 1st grade writer

The most important thing about the world is we live in it. It has dark green trees. It has grey pipes that run underground. It has happy teachers that teach children to read and write. But the most important thing about the world is we live in it.



Pablo, 1st grade writer

The most important thing about Mom is she cooks us dinner. She feeds our starving dogs. She pays her cable, electric and food bills. She takes us on walks to the park. But the most important thing about Mom is she cooks us dinner.



Mikey, 1st grade writer