

**Kids at Play**  
**By Jose**

Video games  
Xbox and PS3  
Survival games  
Adventure games  
Racing games  
For me

Outdoor playing  
An hour a day,  
Football  
Bike riding  
Hiking and camping  
For everyone

Kids are like rats, people say.  
Kids race everywhere  
Play with friends  
Lots of fun

**Max**  
**By Aidan**

Max  
In pain all day  
Only walks a few steps  
Then flops down

Max  
Black as night  
Part Husky  
Part Lab  
Soft as a thin furred  
Teddy bear with a  
White stripe  
Down his chest

Max  
Before pain  
When we finally got home  
Would begin to excitedly jump  
up and down  
He would scamper across our wood floor  
And slide right in front of the back door

Max  
The marvelous dog I love

**Sushi**  
**By Emma**

Sushi  
Favorite kind  
Salmon

It  
Smells like  
Fish  
Looks orange in the middle  
With rice on the bottom.

Fresh  
Out-of-the-sea  
It comes to me.

Smooth  
Like silk  
The rice  
Is bumpy like  
A bumpy roller  
Coaster ride.

After  
I eat  
I feel  
Like  
I want more.  
Smooth and bumpy

**Ray**  
**By Valerie**

He served in World War II,  
My great grandpa...  
A soldier...  
Someone I knew...  
Connecting...  
Like a puzzle...  
Forever...  
So I thought.

Piece...  
By piece...

The puzzle fell apart

Finding myself

At a funeral...  
Trumpets playing...  
Reminding me...  
He served in World War II.