Buena Vista Public School
1306 Lorne Avenue
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada S7H 1X8

3rd Grade

February 10, 1986

Mr. Charles Foley, Principal
Concord High School
Warren Street
Concord, New Hampshire
03301

Dear Mr. Foley:

Enclosed are letters from children in our school addressed to the family of Christa McAuliffe, to your school staff and to your students. The tragedy of the Space Shuttle accident undoubtedly has attracted a world-wide audience. The significance of the loss, however, is especially sensitive to the audience of educators and students. The challenge and the opportunity given Mrs. McAuliffe to deliver to classrooms around the world lessons from space, using the earth itself as a natural visual, excites the imagination of any good teacher. The courage of the woman, her enthusiasm and her faith, I believe, have done a great deal to build the dignity of the profession of teaching. Good teachers are irreplaceable people.

Moved as I was by the accident and the loss of life, I was somewhat gratified by the very sensitive reaction of children in the school. Astronauts and scientists are very much a part of the child's imaginative world, a teacher however is very much a part of their real world, their daily living. Their sadness in a curious way was a symbol of affection and appreciation toward teachers. Christa McAuliffe's death was as close as their own classroom.

Our staff felt that the best tribute that we could give Christa McAuliffe was to teach; to take the event of her death, and give it meaning in the classroom. The enclosed letters were written by students in grades three and four. We want to share them with your staff and students. The language is simple, the thoughts of sympathy and sadness as sincere as the innocence of the child.

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Saskatoon Board of Education
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada S7K 1M7
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In closing I can only imagine the general grief that cloaks a school when you lose a teacher whose mission created the greatest of expectations. Please convey our deepest sympathies to the family, the students and the staff.

Sincerely,

Art Shepherd.

Art Shepherd
Principal

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1306 Lorne Avenue
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Canada, S7H1X8
Jan. 29, 1986

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

We are sorry about Sharon McAuliffe. Our class is writing letters from Buen Vista. The Grade Three is trying to visit from Canada. My name is Rhiannon (ree-an-nin), Genivere, Batty. We are sorry for the other six peoples family's too. I have a lot of sympathy for her. I come Buena Vista school. I am eight years old. I live 1212 Lorne Avenue My freinds are: Lisa, Jo-Ann, Chelsea, Lori, Laica, Shelley, Cheryl and Joanna, with Jackie.

I must be going now.

From: Rhiannon Batty.

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Dear Family of Sharon Crista McAuliffe,

We are very sorry that Sharon died. But we are proud that Sharon tried to go to space. We allso feel sad for the six other people who died and there Families. I am in Grade three. I am glad that no one else in your family was in the Shuttle.

Your Friend,
Stefan Dragan

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Jan. 29, 1986

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAulifte,

Our class is very sorry. My teacher is Mrs. Sestak. At schoot we have a book called creative writing In it we write stories, I'm writing one on dinosaurs. It is 16 pages. Fed. 16th I am going skiing. at Lake Louise, I am nine. I have a sister her name is Jennie.

From, Fraser

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Jan. 29, 1985

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe, I am very sorry that she died. I am very sorry that the 6 other people diad. I hope the kids are safe. My teacher's names are Ms. Hergott and Mrs. Sestak. My name is Trevor. I'm in grade 3. I work a lot. Are schools name is Buena Vista. I am 8 years old.

Your freind,

Trevor

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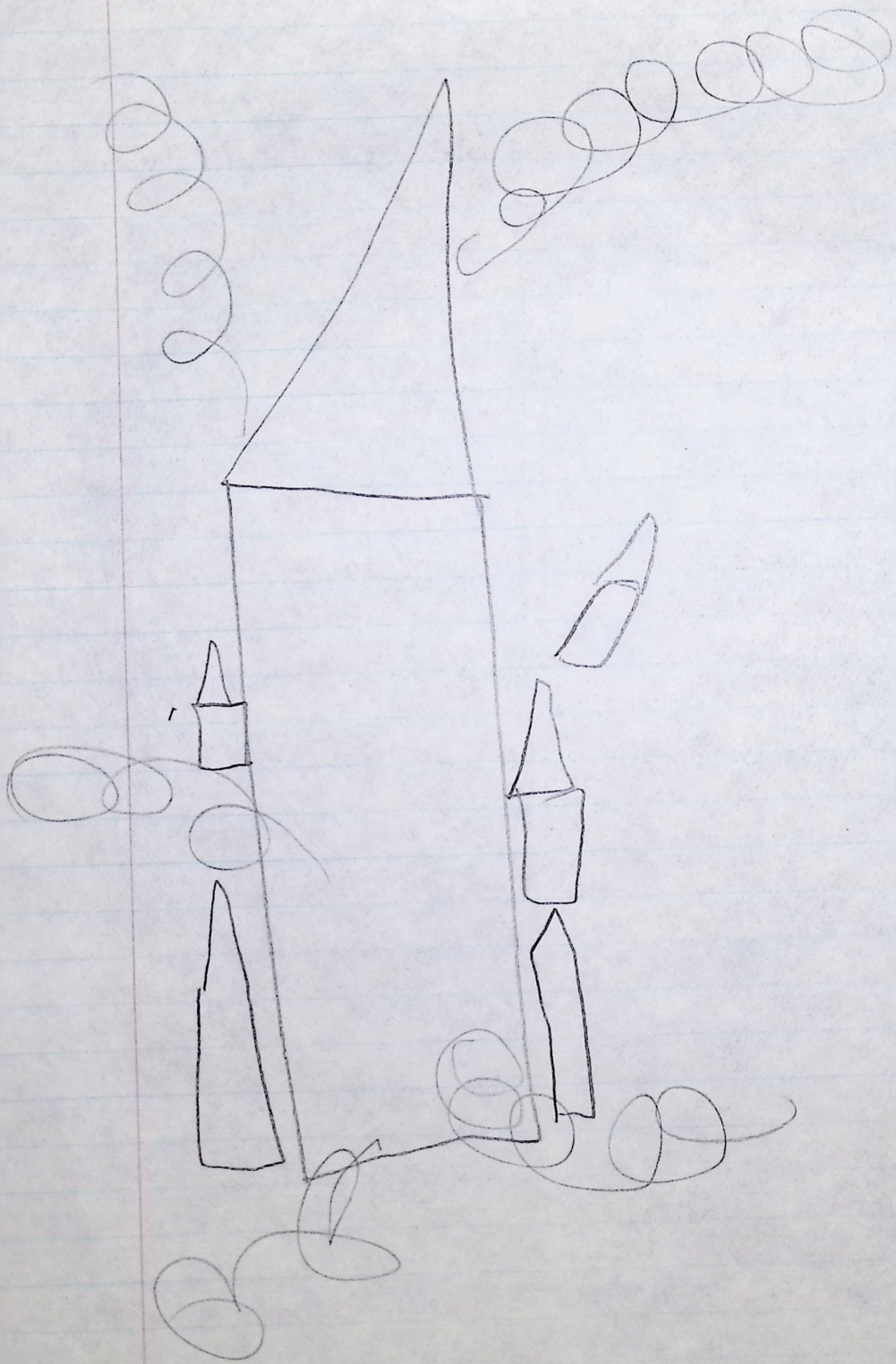
Jan 29½ 1985.

Dear family,

I'm verry sorry that your Mom died. Now I would Like to tell you about myself. I'm 8 years old. I Like cats. We also feal sorry for the other 6 people that died. By the way I go to Buena Vista school. My name is Brian Agnew. My teacher's name is Mrs. Sestak. I'm verry verry sorry that the Space ship blew up.

Love Brian Agnew



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Dear family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,
I'm sorry that Sharon died.
You must be sad. I'm sad too.
Did you know the 6 other
people that died with her?
By the way my name is Cheryl.
I'm in grade 3. My friends
are Lori, Chelsea, Lisa, Jo-Ann,
and Rhiannon. When the ship
exploded I saw it on my t.v.
me and my mom were crying.

Love Cheryl

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Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

Our class is very sorry. My teacher is Mrs. Sestak. At school we have a book called creative Writing. I am in Grade 3. I am 8 years old. I have a cat its name is Mitzee. Brian is my freind at school. we have 20 kids in our class.

your freind,
Kevin Badger

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Jan 29, 1986

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

I am sorry Sharon and the other 6 astronaut had to died. In the challenger to Space. Don't you wonder haw it blewup. I wonder both it blewup. I think sparks hit the thanke and thats haw I thingk it blewup.

your frind
Chris Jackson

1806 Lorn Ave.
Saskatoon, Sask.
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Jan. 29, 1986.

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

I am very sorry your daughter died in the rocket ship blew up. My name is Joanna. I am 8 years old. I am in Gra 3. My birthday is in May. I have a big brother. His name is Michael.

Your friend,
Joanna.

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Jan. 29, 1956.

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

Our class heard about the accident. Here is a poem to cheer you up here it is Boom-Chic-a-Boom

Boom Chic a Boom
I said a Boom Chic a Boom
I said a Boom Chic a Rock
a Chic Rock
a Chic a Boom
I said Alright
I said o.k.
I said one more time
A little bit Faster.
And here all tell you

a little bit about myself.
I have a little sister
named Pam. And my name
is Jo-Ann I am in grade
three. We are studying on
BILL PEET And STEVEN
KELLOGG.

Love
Jo-Ann.

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Jan. 29, 1986

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

I am very sorry that what happened Sharon McAuliffe. My teacher's name is Mrs. Sestak and Ms. Hergott. My name is Shawn Curtis. I have I mom 1 sister and a dog. My name is Kelly my sister name is Lisa and my dog's name is Chico. I had a dad but he died too. I am in grad 3. I am 10 my Birthday is Nov. 29. I feel sory for the ather 6 too.

Your frened

Shawn Curtis

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Jan. 29, 1986.

Dear family of Sharon Crista McAuliffe

Your mother is verry nice to risk her life in the shuttle Challenger. It wode have been a exciting trip. I bet you are very sad. I am sverry sad to. I wish it was a success. By the way my name is Shelley Lynn Hubbs. I am in gr grade 3. I have a little brother named Derek. He is four. I also feel sorry for the others.

Your friend,
Shelley Hubbs.

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Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

We are very sorry for What happend to your mom. My name is Robert Woods I I go to Baena Vista school I am in grade 3. I also feel sorry for the other six. that Died. In that space Shattle that must of been some Blow up. I am eight years old. I am taking taekhown Doe, you should not be sad I am sad sometimes When some one dies.

your friend, Robert,

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Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

Our class is very sory your teacher died. I saw all what happend on tv. When I saw all what happend my tummy felt like it was going to BURST. I'm allso very sad because the other six people died. Did you know that no body's were found. If I wen't up I would think it would be exiting going into space for my first time. I have a little sister in Kindergarten. Her name is Shaina. I have a friend Rhiannon and she knows alot about dinosaurs

and she knows alot about Animalls to. I will tell you two poems the firs one is called Hickory-Dickory-Dock Hickory-Dickory-Dock the mouse ran up the clock the clock stroke one the mouse ran down Hickory-Dickory-Dock. The next one is called Worm.

Worm

Sqiggly
Wiggly
Wriggly
Jiggly
Ziggly
Piggly
Wachit
Wriggle
See it
Squirm

Your friend,
Lacia.

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Jan. 29, 1986

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

Our Class is very very sorry christa died I'm proud of Christa she did the rite thing. I'm in grade 3. What Grade our your kids in. I going to tell you twoe poems to try to make feel beter Fuzzy Wuzzy Fuzzy wuzzy was a bear, Fuzzy wuzzy had no hair, Then Fuzzy wuzzy wasn't Fuzzy, was he? I Scream, You Scream I scr. eam, You scream, We all scream for ICE cream. I hope you like the poems I made for you. And I very sorry to hear about the other six people how died. My friends names are Rhianna Lacia Shelley Chelsea and Jo-Ann. I'm going to be 9 years old on March 3,

My dad is a police man. oh I thoght of anther poem for you it is called <u>The worm</u> Squiggly wiggly wriggly Jiggly Ziggly Higgly piggly worm watch it wiggle watch it wriggle see it squiggle see it squirm. I have a brother in grade 8.. how old are your kids 5+6 or older or yonuger.

Your Friend,
Lori mattson

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Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

I'm sorry to here the bad news. I sorry about the 6 other astranaut's familys. This was the first time a teacher was going to go to outer space. I'm in grade 3. I'm Lisa Mapes. I all most started to cry yesterdays. I wonder what happend to cause the Challanger to explode. Because the rocket exploded I want to cry. It would be exciteing to go on a racket.

Your Freind,

Lisa Mapes

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Dear family of Sharon christa Mc Auliffe,
Our class is very sorry abaot the accident. I am very sorry that the rocketship exploded Our hole class saw the exploded on the t.v. My name is Chelsea and I am 8 Years old and in grade 3. I have a sister. I fill really sorry about Sharon christa Mc Auliffe deid My teachers name is Mrs Sestak and Mr. Hergott Well I better go now.

Your freindg Chelseg Magera

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Dear Family of Sharon & Christa
McAuliffe

Hi, my name is Jackie
Cook. I am sorry your
family died. Now I would
like to tell about me.
I am 9 years old. I like
horses. I like base ball. I go to
Buena Vista school. I like
my teacher, her name is Mrs.
Sestak. Mrs. Sestak is the
nicest teacher in the hold
wide world. I like School

Your friend,
Jackie Cook.

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Jan. 29, 1986

Dear Family of Sharon Christa McAuliffe,

I am very sorry to hear about the tragic event with space shattle Challenger. Yesterday I allmost started to cry when I heard about the trayedy. My name is Scott Montgomery. I am 9 years old. I have to sisters named maja and addrian and I have a dog named Kelsey.

Your freindy
Scott Montgomery

Jan. 30/86 Dear Staff and Students,

I am very sorry to hear about Mrs. Sharon Mc Auliffe. She must have been like a very nice teacher. It must have been awful to watch it blow. I guess the apple they gave her wasn't very lucky. I never have been to spase and I probble never will be.

Very Sorry!

Buena Vista

From your friend Lana Stark

Jan 31/86

Dear Cocoa School,

I am very sorry, you must be very sad too. It looked incredible the way it blew up. It was a terrible Disaster, were you surprised? I don't know what happened do you? were you there? was she your teacher. well. its gone now except the parts totaly devored finish. I can't understand how the challenger blew up. we wont know for a while yet

well thats it

your friend

Darrick Sheridan

Feb 3. 186.

Dear. Adult's Teachers and stuenents

I am sorry to hear about the space ship blowl up. and the teacher inside it. and I heard that she never got to see or talk to her class.

Lana
Van Elsakker

Dear class

feb. 4, 86

I am sorrey about your teacher I hop you fell better about what happend.

from Derek

Concord School, New Hampshire

Dear class
Im sorry abgat yoeur teacher and the shuttle it was a terible shock it must have been horrible to see I am very sorry

From Buena Vista school

Jujen

Buena Vista Saskatoon Sask.

Dear Staff and Students

I am very sorry that Sharon McAuliffe died. She must of been a really good teacher. She was going to telecast a class in space. I must of been terrifying to see it. I have never been in space but I hope I never will. Although she will never come back I hope the kids get a new teacher.

from Kim Duff

Dear students

I'm sorry about what happened to your teacher. I was just about crying when I heard that the spaceshuttle exsploded. I was also scared when it showed the part where they think the exsplotion started. I hope you get a teacher that you like as much as you liked the other.

From

Tracy

Dolan.

Dear Friends,

I'm very sorry about your teacher: Sharon Mc auliffe. It was a very tragic accident that happened. It maust have been very sad to see the shuttle blow up. I'm so sorry.

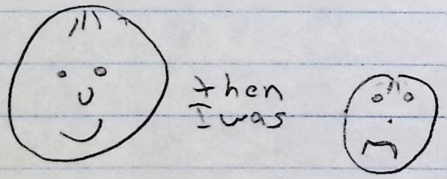
Your Friend,

Leah Welsh

Dear Concord School

I'm sorry that your friend and teacher Sharon McAuliffe got killed in the shuttle fight. I hope you will get over it soon. I'm so glad that she was the one to go but I was sad when I found out that the shuttle exploded.

Your friend
Chris Post
Buna Vista school
Saskatoon



Dear,
Concord School
we are sorry that your teacher died in
the space shuttle.
I was watching T.V. when the explotion
happened. I thought that it was a
good take off until it exploded.
I'm sorry too for the others six
people who died too. But the least
we can do is remember them for the
end of yours and are's.

From, Neil. Drake.

It would be better for
all of us.

Dear Concord School

I'm sory that your teacher deid in a spack shuttle. I hope that they find out what happend. I hope you get a nice teacher. How do you feel. I feel fine. I am very sory. It must be awful

Your friend

Glenez Duncans

Dear Concord school

Im supper sorj yor teacher Sharon C mc auliffe had to be on the flight I know its not funny if someone I know was one of the passenger and it blow up I would feel the same I hope you feel better.

Kris McWillie

Dear Concord School,

I am terribly sorry to hear about your teacher: Sharon McAuliffe. It was very sad to hear about it. I hope you get over the shock of loosing a teacher in a space shadel. It was very shocking.

From Jackie

Dear: Student's and staff.

I'am very sorry that teacher died on that shuttle. I watch the funeral on t.v. I felt sorry I almost cried about it.

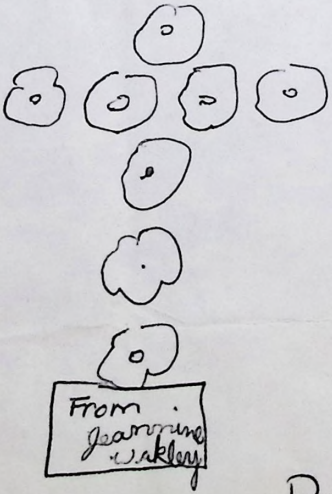
from:
Heather P.

Dear Concord School.

I am sorry that your teacher was in the Callenger when it flew up into flames. I wish I could do something but I can't.

Sorry

From Jeannine





Buena Vista
School
Saskatoon

Dear Friends,,,

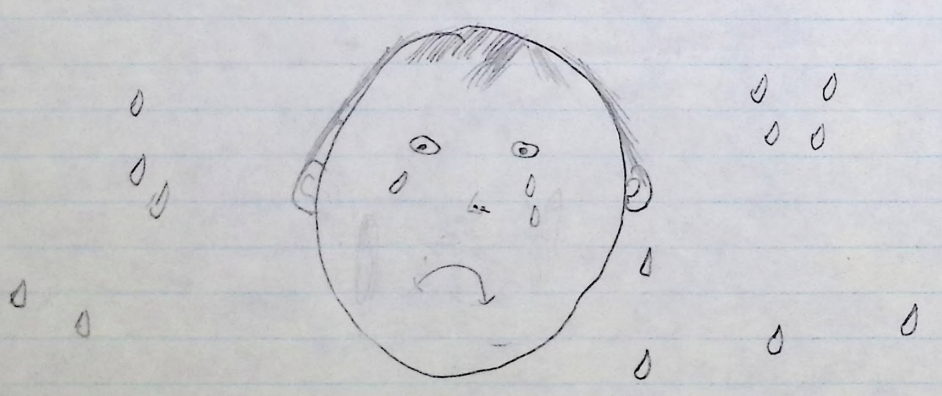
I feel sorry for you. Do you like your new teacher? Have you gotten a day off? Did you go to Huston? What do you think happend to it? Did you like her? Why? Did you get lots of homework? Were you supriced? I am in grade 4. Howmany people are in your class? did you like the idea of your teacher going into space?

yours truely

Paul Sheridan

Dear, friends

I am very sorry to hear that your teacher died. I know that if my teacher died in the space shuttle I would be very sad. I hope you got another nice teacher. And I know that you were very excited when she went. Things like that happen. I am very sorry for the loss of your teacher.



sorry!

from Buena vista school
Heather Salinas

Dear Staff and Students at Concord

I hope you got over the shock of the space shuttle. It must have been horrible cheering the shuttle into space and see it blew-up. I am very sorry it had to happen to your social studies teacher. Or anyone. They will find out soon what happened.

From

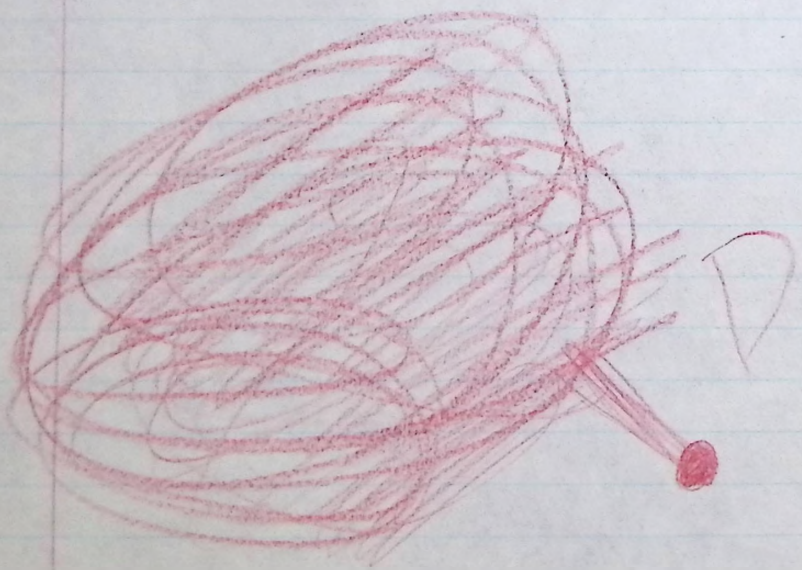
Jennifer

Kelly

318 4th St. E.
Saskatoon
Sask.
Canada

Dear Staff and Students in Concord School
New Hampshire

I am very sorry about your teacher that died on the Challenger. I was so happy for her to be the first teacher to go up in space. And then I saw the Challenger blow up with all the passenges in. I started to cry even though it wasn't my teacher. One of our best teachers just about sent an application in. And remembered he was going to Australia. Here is a picture of the Challenger when it blew up.



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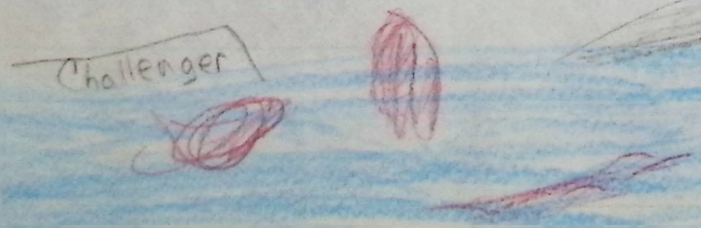
Love Carey Alexander.
Grade 4



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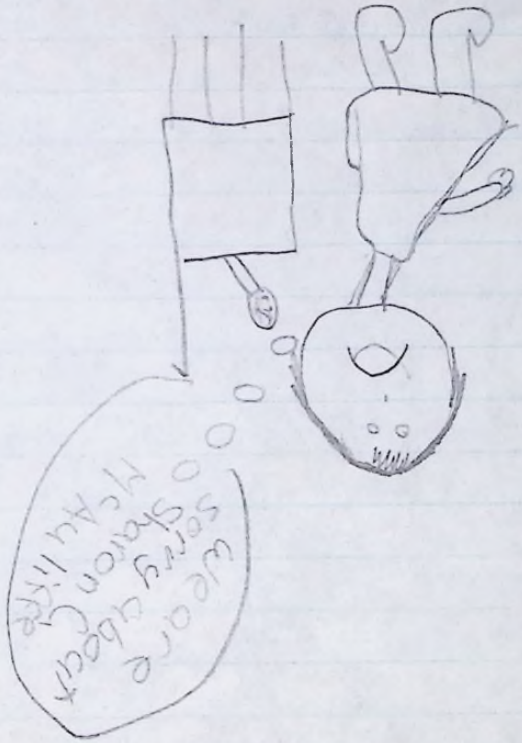

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