



Me and My World

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Peace

Peace means being calm. Peace is when my mommy and daddy read to me.

Emma H., age 3

Peace looks like a soft breeze. Peace is when you can read a story. Peace is spending time with your family. Fighting is not peaceful. Killing someone is not peaceful. Peace makes the world better because peace makes the world more beautiful. Analea B., age 5

Peace is being quiet. Playing with kids is peaceful. Slapping is not peaceful. Peace is good because it helps me play. Colin B., age 3

Peace would be dark and quiet and soft. Peace is sharing and playing. Jacob O., age 3

Peace is sitting by the window and watching snowflakes fall. Peace is quietly drawing. Yelling is not peaceful. Listening is peaceful. Kyrie G., age 4

Peace is a big giant hug. Singing is peaceful but hitting is not peaceful. Sophia S., age 2

Peace is keeping the environment clean and healthy. Peace is giving. Peace is having a special talent. Peace would smell like a sweet flower and taste like your favorite food. War is not peaceful. Fighting and bickering and guns are not peaceful. Peace is good because peace keeps the peace wherever you are. Serena B., age 7

Peace means I love you. Peace feels warm. Yelling in your sister's ear is not peaceful. Peace helps people work together and everyone can pick up. Grace H., age 3

Peace is sitting quietly. Peace is being nice and kind. Being mean is not peaceful. Peace is good because it helps people be nice to each other. Elijah S., age 4



Peace is me sharing with my brother Jace. Playing football makes me feel happy and happy is peace. When Daddy puts me in time out and I want to get out of there, that's not peaceful. When Jace takes my helmet or anything, it's not peace.

Caden C., age 3

Picking apples off the tree is peaceful. Drawing a picture is peaceful. Hugging and going to nursery school is peaceful. Being mean to someone is not peaceful.

Madison W., age 3

Peace is quiet. We can't run in the yellow room at school because someone might get hurt and getting hurt is not peaceful. Coloring makes me feel peaceful.

Amber H., age 3

Peace is being nice to everybody. Peace is saying I love you. I feel peaceful inside my house because it is my favorite place. You can't hit and grab. Just hugs and kisses.

Madalynn H., age 3

Playing with the choo-choo trains makes me feel peaceful when Aiden helps me. Sitting in my mom's lap is peaceful. Reading stories is peaceful too. When I fight with my brothers I cry and that is not peaceful. Elliot A., age 3



Fire

Fires burn down houses sometimes. But it's good when you go camping and you put wood in a pile then burn it all up in the campfire. You make marshmallows and then go to bed.

-Colin B., age 3

You get burned on fire. You make fire with wood. You use matches.-Madison W., age 3



When there is a fire people have to get out of the house. You put it out with a hose. But you can light candles on the cake with fire. Only grown ups though. -Emma H., age 3

Fire makes burn. It is orange and it is very,very hot. There is fire in the stove and you can't touch it because you burn yourself.- Grace H., age 3

Fire is hot! If I touch it it will burn me. Fire burns hands. The stove is for cooking, not for touching. -Samantha, age 3

Fire makes you hot and it will burn you if you turn on the stove all by yourself. Never do that. If I find matches I give them to my mom or dad.-Kyrie K., age 4

Fire is very, very, very, very hot if you touch fire. You put the fire out with the hose.

-Caden C., age 4

Don't get close to fire because you will get burned. Give matches to mommy.

-Madalynn H., age 3

Fire keeps you warm and makes you want to camp. Then you can cook marshmallows on a stick.

- Jacob O., age 3

I'm not so big so I don't make fire. Fire is dangerous because it is. You will get hurt if you fall in it.- Kyle P., age 3

You make fire with wood and fire matches. Candles have little fires and you blow them because you have a birthday. Ian G., age (almost)3

Fire can burn people because it is HOT! Fire makes people warm too, so that is peace. Jace C, age 3

Fire can burn you because it is hot. But it also keeps me warm when the house is cold.-Luna Q., age 3



If there is a fire you should always crawl because if you walk it is not fresh air and it will burn your lungs.- Elijah S., age 4

Halloween

When we make a jack-o-lantern we get a pumpkin at the place where chrysanthemums are and where pumpkins are. First you cut the top off. Then you take the seeds out. Then cut the face on the pumpkin. I can make a silly face, a smiley face, an unhappy face, or a scary face. Then you put a candle in it.-Kyrie G., age 4

On Halloween we get pumpkins. You get them at a pumpkin patch. A pumpkin patch is a pumpkin garden and you pick out the biggest pumpkin of all! -Emma H., age 3

When I get my pumpkin I cut it. Actually my mom cuts it with a sharp knife because I might cut my finger with the knife because I am too little. I make a face with triangles for the eyes and nose. -Elliot A., age 3

You can take the seeds out with your hands. They feel all slimy and gooey. Then you can cook the seeds and eat them. When you cook them they don't feel gooey anymore. -Colin B., age 3

On Halloween I put fire in the pumpkin. First I cut a scary face on the pumpkin. Somebody has to help me with the knife because I might cut myself. I get the pumpkin at the pumpkin patch.
-Caden C., age 3

Halloween is the night you have to get some candy. You say trick or treat. Witches fly by on brooms. -Jakob O., age 3

I like to have fun on Halloween. We have to wear a costume. You have to go downtown to go trick or treating. That's when you want candy and you ring the doorbell and say *trick or treat* and then you say *thank you for the candy. Colyer A., age 3

We had a Halloween party at Growing Places. We ate pizza and lots of treats. I wore a bat costume. I made a bag craft to carry my treats and candy. We tried to break open a piñata. There was no candy in it but there was other stuff like punching balls and stretchy rubber animal toys and pencils. -Serena B., age 5





A pumpkin is like a circle. It turns orange in the fall. You can cut a face in the pumpkin and take the seeds and gook out and put a candle in it. I like to eat the seeds!

-Erica P., age 3

Halloween is kind of creepy and scary because it is night time. I have a skeleton mask. It's scary and kind of funny too. We get candy. -Elijah S., age 4

On Halloween you wear a costume. I'm going to be a butterfly. My baby sister is going to be a pumpkin! -Madison W., age 3

It's dark at Halloween. Sometimes people make scary decorations like ghosts and spiders and bats. -Madalynn H., age 3

Bats fly around in night time. They're kind of scary. They sleep all day. I'm going to be a witch. Witches fly on brooms but I can't really fly. I pretend! -Grace H., age 3

My baby brother is going to be a pumpkin and I'm going to be Cinderella. I think Lucas is going to be Batman again. -Luna Q., age 4





Night

When it's night the sky is dark. The moon and stars come in the sky at night. Shooting stars are at night. -Emma H., age 3

The moon comes out at night. It's orange and looks like a "O". I go to sleep at night time and after it is night time I wake up. -Amber H., age 3

It's dark. Owls come out at night. They fly and eat mice. The animals go to sleep. The cows and the horses sleep standing up. -Elliot A., age 3

We go to sleep at night. People stay up and watch tv at night time. When the night light is on I see dinosaur shadows in my room. I imagine to see them. -Colin B., age 3

Owls go on the trees. And then they go to sleep. I use my eyes in the dark. One time when me and my brother went out to get the mail in my jammies and my bathrobe and when I went back inside I got a hole in my pants! -Jacob O., age 3

You go night night and wake up in the morning. Night turns dark and I sleep in my nice comfy bed. I have to turn the lights on so I can see when it is dark. I have a night light in my room because I am afraid of the dark.-Madalynn H., age 3

At night there is a moon up in the sky. The moon makes me happy at night. The sun comes up in the morning and it's not dark anymore. It get's dark so you can go to sleep. I love the moon. -Kyrle G., age 4

I like sleeping at night time. Sometimes I like to play with pirate ships at night. I like to read a book with Mommy and Daddy. I can brush my teeth all by myself with a toothbrush before I go to bed. And I wear my PJ's. -Caden C., age 3

The sky is dark dark dark blue at night. I see stars and moons. The moon is white and the stars are white. I cover my Barbie with blankets and then the morning comes
.-Grace H. age 3

All About Weather



When it's winter it is freezing out. I wear my orange and pink jacket to stay warm. I have all kinds of scarves. They keep my neck warm. Hats keep my head warm. I wear boots when it is all snowy out because when I don't wear boots in the snow my feet get cold and wet. You wear gloves on your hands because it is freezing out. I have snow pants to keep my legs warm too. They are pink! -Grace H., age 3

Snow comes out of the sky. Sometimes it's rainy. It's cold in winter. The wind makes me chilly! There are gray clouds. The snow is really really bright when the sun shines the next day. -Caden C., age 3

Winter is cold and when it snows you can build a snowman. First you make a snow ball. Then you roll it till it gets grown up size and then you put another one and another one. We do a lot of snowballs to make a snow man. You put the head on and then you put on the carrot nose. Sometimes you make the nose with the turnip. Then you slide down the hill.

-Jakob O., age 3

Rain goes drip drip drip drip. Rain goes up and down. The sun makes the puddles disappear in the air. When the cloud is full of water it rains again. -Colin B., age 3

Rain feels wet. Animals get wet. I have a umbrella that I put over my head. It has bugs on it. Not real bugs. -Elliot A., age 3

It rains outside. Sometimes I go to school when it is raining. Sometimes the rain clouds go boom. I'm kind of afraid of thunder. -Amber H., age 3

Rain comes from the rain cloud. Rain pours on the roof and on the ground. Then everything gets wet. Rain helps the flowers grow. -Emma H., age 3

Sun and rain make a rainbow. Rain makes drip drop drip drop. Rain makes things grow and feels like raindrops on my neck. The sun comes out when it stops raining and the grass and flowers grow. Especially sunflowers.

-Madison W., age 3



The rain makes you want to go out in the rain to play. I get soaking wet. Jacey and my daddy and my mommy play in the puddles with me. I played in the mud and I got mud all over my face and I had to take a bath. I like to play in the mud with my daddy. Rain is great for playing in the puddles and playing in the mud.- Caden C., age 3

I stay inside when it rains so I don't get wet. Sometimes I use mommy's and daddy's umbrella. Rain is good for plants. When it doesn't rain for a long time the plants die. They get wilted and brown and they rip easily. And the ponds dry up too.- Elijah S., age 5

It thunders when it rains. It crashes hard and makes a LOUD noise. Thunder is great! The thunder and sun come next to each other and the sun dries the rain.. Madalynn H., age 4



When you hear rain you hear thunder. When it's raining sometimes you have to use your umbrella. When rain gets on you you get all wet, but when the rain gets on the umbrella the umbrella gets all wet. Grace H., age 3

The wind takes off and flies around in the sky. On a windy day I like to stay inside and watch the wind blow the sun away. It blows the clouds and blows the water in the puddles away. -Colin B., age 4

The wind blows everything. A bag moves in the wind. I like to play in the sand box but the wind blows sand in my eyes. -Emma H., age 3

The wind blows a kite. It blows the leaves on the ground in the fall. When you are working hard and you get all sweaty the wind makes you cold. The wind blew my umbrella and it was rolling away and I had to run really fast to get it. The wind opens the door and sometimes it slams the door. -Elliot A., age 4

The wind blows balloons- if you let go the wind will blow it away. The the balloon gets stuck in the trees and then nobody can get it. The wind makes my hair blow around in a big mess. -Amber H., age 3

You get cold in the wind. When the wind blows you have hot cocoa because you have hot cocoa when your feet are cold. -Grace H., age 3

When the wind blows it makes you chilly. It blows your shirt and makes your balloon float away. Wind is good for flying kites. -Caden C., age 3

The wind makes it cold outside. The wind blows like wooooshsh. Wind makes the door go bang. -Madalynn H., age 4



Wind goes in the wind sock. Wind socks put the wind inside. I saw it when my mommy and brother went to Grandma's. When the trees wiggle it makes the wind. Sometimes there is no wind. Sometimes the wind makes the trees fall. -Jakob O., age 3

It gets cold when it's windy. The wind is used for blowing stuff like the leaves. You need wind for cooling down when you're hot. Sailboats need wind because they have sails. -Elijah S., age 4

The wind is cool. The wind blows the leaves off the trees when it is fall. I like the wind. The wind likes to blow the trees and all of the things that can be blown, like the clouds. -Kyrie G., age 4

The wind blows the leaves. You need wind and rain. It blows your hair.-Madison W., age 3



The Sky

The sky is blue. Sometimes it's white and it gets pink when it gets dark. It's dark dark dark blue when I go to sleep, and it's dark out. -Grace H., age 3

Stars and moons are in the sky when it's night. Sometimes the moon is in the day and the sun shines in the day. -Caden C., age 3

The sky is bright. The sun makes it bright. The sky is for airplanes and the clouds. You find rainbows in the sky. I saw a rainbow when it was raining and the sun was shining at the same time.- Kyrie G., age 4

The sky has a ball of fire called the sun. The sky is blue. When it is very cloudy then the sky gets white. At night the sky turns black. -Colin B., age 3

It rains from the sky. It thunders too. First you see a flash, then you hear a loud noise like a avalanche.- Elijah S., age 4

The clouds are white. The sun is in the sky. The sun is hot. It was in my eyes a long time ago. Birds need the sky for flying. And hawks. Geese do too. A helicopter flies in the sky. -Jakob O., age 3

I like the sky because it has the sun. And when the clouds are filled and it rains, I can jump in the puddles.- Madison W., age 3

Sometimes the sky is pink in the mornings. The sky is so big. Stars and moons and birds are in the sky. And butterflies and moths. People fly in airplanes but people don't fly because they can't make their arms go fast like birds and bees.-Elliot A., age 3

Rainbows are in the sky. The sky is blue and blue is my favorite color. The clouds in the sky disappear sometimes. The sky is big. We need a sky for lots of things.

-Emma H., age 3

Llama Farm

I like all the horses and donkeys because they were so special. The horses were little. I went with Elliot. I saw a rooster but I didn't hear it go cockadoodledoo but it chased the horse all around. I liked seeing the llamas. Madalyn H., age 4

My favorite thing at the llama farm was the turkey. I like him when he walked. I saw donkeys. I loved the donkeys because they made the funny heehaw. I liked the little horses. I have 2 big horses- Shiloh and Yanks. Yanks is the big one because he didn't want Shiloh to eat the carrots and he bit them.

-Elliot A., age 4

The baby donkey was walking on his legs. All the little horses were walking on their legs. The turkey couldn't walk well because he kept slipping on his legs. There was a silly chicken that was brown and black and had a puffy head. I heard some cockadoodledoos cockadoodledooing!- Colin B., age 4

I saw the little horsies. I saw donkeys. They said heehaw very loud. I saw a turkey sniffing. I saw the llamas. They were tall. Then they all said goodbye in the barn.-Emma H., age 4

I saw the llama and I put my hand in so I could pet her. I saw a small horsie girl but I couldn't even touch her. I loved the donkey. I said to mama that I really want to ride on one of those horsies.- Amber H., age 3



Conesus Inlet



I saw the little fish in the pond over where the other grass is. Elliot's mom caught a little fish with Elliot's net. Me and Elliot were jumping over the goose poop because we didn't want to get it on my boots and his shoes.

-Amber H., age 3

I was trying to catch something with my mom but I couldn't catch anything. She caught a little fish with the net. And she caught a frog. I saw a big snake in the water but she didn't want to catch it and she said, "Okay guys it's time to go back". The baby geese were swimming with the mom and dad.-Elliot A., age 4

I saw geese that go in that stuff that's green and smells like poop. There was a whole line of geese: some were big and little. The big one swims first then the little then the big one. I think the Mom was swimming in the front and the dad was swimming in the back. The brothers and sisters swam in the middle so they don't get lost. Colin B., age 4

I saw frogs and ducklings. I saw a big frog in the water. It jumped in the water and Tony caught it and I touched it. It felt soft. I saw a worm. I saw the trees growing in the water.

-Madalynn H., age 4

The best thing I saw was a "yeppard" frog. My favorite part was touching the frog. It was wet and smooth and had spots on it. It was brownish and greenish. Tony caught it on his hands. I helped him look for frogs. I saw a bunch of baby geese at the swamp.- Caden C., age 4

Madalynn and me and mommy went to the swamp in the car. I found a cup and scooped up some swamp. I saw some geese and dog poop and geese poop. I had to be careful not to step in it. Elliot's mom caught a little fish with a little net. There was a snail in the water and bugs too. They were swimming. There are skate bugs in my pond.- Jakob O., age 4

I went to the swamp but I didn't go with my class because I was sick. I saw one frog. It looked like it was brown but it was really green. Mommy found it because the eyes were sticking out of the water. Mummy found one baby snake in the weeds. The frog was too far away to catch but the snake was close enough but she just didn't want to catch it. Kyrie G., age 5

