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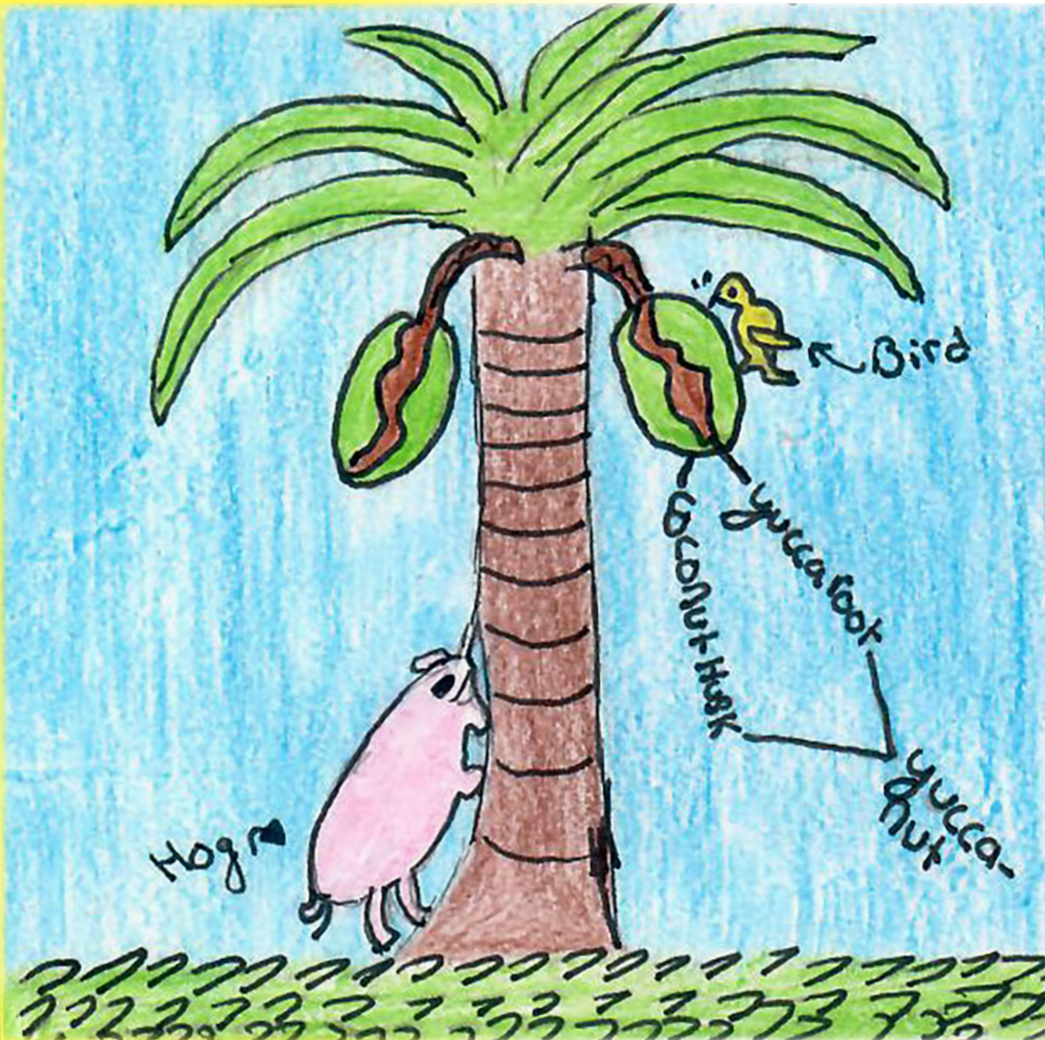
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"Yucca-nut"

"The coconut fruit is high off the ground and completely surrounded by a hard fiber-filled husk, so animals can't get to it. The yucca root is a plant I love to eat. Although they don't have a big defense system like the coconut, which results in the roots getting eaten by wild hogs, they do have many health benefits and medical uses. Not just being hard to get to, the yucca-but is rich in vitamins, You can make yucca-nut milk, which is lactose free. The yucca-nut has healing properties that can help heal wounds!"

Daniel G., 8th grade, Methuen, MA.

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"Matricaria Chamomilla and Sempervivum Heuffelii Hybrid"

"The plant looks like the succulent sempervivum heauffelii and has chamomile flowers that bloom on it. The chamomile flowers would provide many benefits like help alleviate colds and asthma, relieve restlessness and allergies, and promote relaxation and relieve stress, and you can put the flowers in your tea. The fact that it is a succulent means that it is small and low maintenance."

Madison M., 7th grade, Cape Girardeau, MO.

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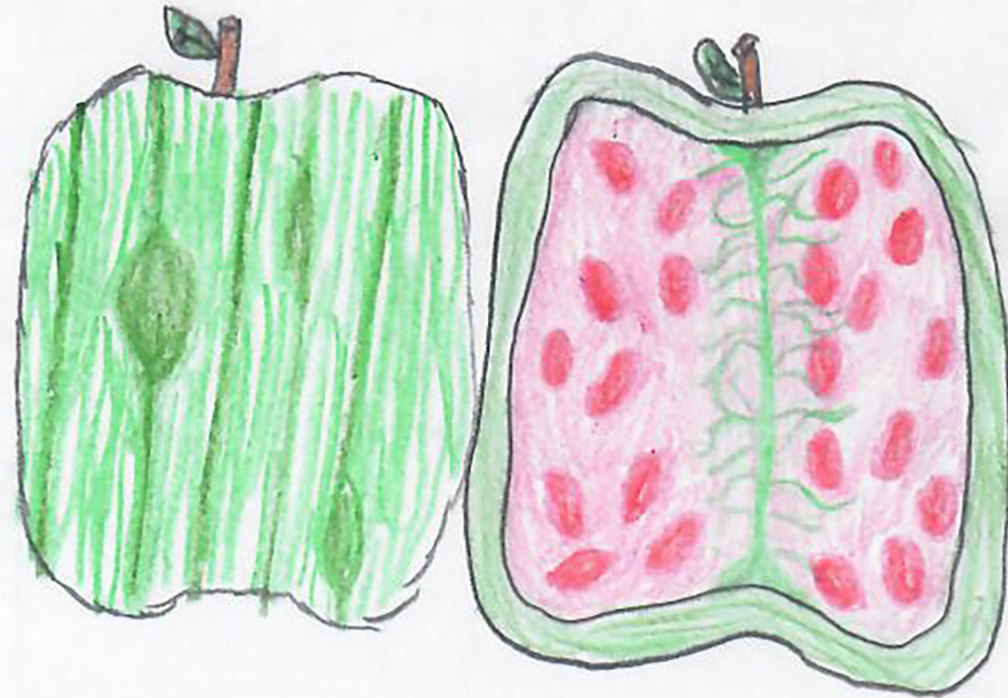
"The Corn Dew"

"The Corn Dew is beneficial because it helps corn get rid of bugs. Corn attracts a lot of bugs. Many pesticides are used to rid corn of these bugs. So, instead of pesticides, we can use Sun Dews to help attract and eat the bugs, helping both species to survive. The Sun Dew will be on the stem of the corn to eat the corn's pests. This helps us use less pesticides that can hurt humans and protect the corn from bugs naturally."

Megan C., 7th grade, Cudahy, WI.

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Bell melon



"Bell Melon"

"I created this fruit because bell peppers and watermelons are easy to grow. Bell peppers are high in nutrients and watermelons have a lot of water in them. This hybrid would be sweet but you would have to remove the seeds for it to be sweet. The seeds in the bell melon are prominently from the bell pepper. The main source of nutrients comes inside of the seeds. The watermelon is more prominent in the rind and in the flesh of the bell melon."

Jack V., 7th grade, Wyandotte, MI.

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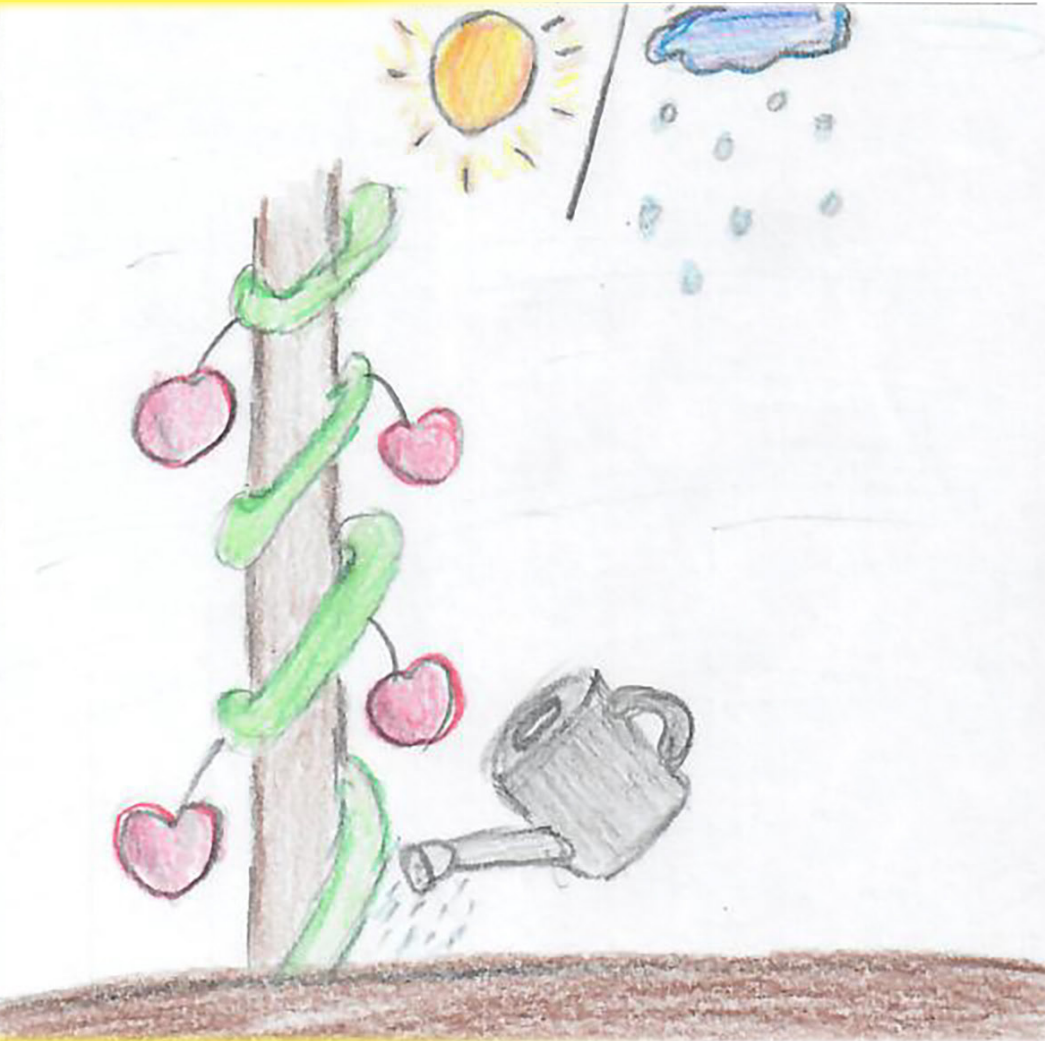
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"Apple Fruits & Pumpkin Stems"

"This beautiful hybrid has very special features that probably no other hybrid has. It can climb like a climber or creep like a creeper. It can also survive in a very hot sunny day or in a very cold snowy and windy day. It needs light, water, and CO2 like every other plant. Now what do you think about this marvelous plant?"

Komali K., 6th grade, Gloucester, NC.

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"Venus Flytrap and Marigold Hybrid"

"It has green and yellow leaves. It is hardy and lives long. It is not very hard to grow. It has a nice, sweet fragrance. The petals are edible. It feeds on sunshine and fruit flies. It is helpful for making rooms good and ridding you of fruit flies."

Lydia R., 7th grade, Wyandotte, MI.

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"Aloe Vera & Poison Ivy Hybrid"

"My plant is a hybrid between aloe vera and poison ivy. This would benefit others for whenever someone gets poison ivy, they can break off an aloe leaf and apply it to calm skin inflammation."

Elena N., 7th grade, Phillipsburg, NJ.

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"Garlic & Cone Flower Hybrid"

"This picture is a mix between a garlic and a cone flower. This hybrid can help treat a cold by boosting the body's immune system making it easier and better to loose a cold, it can prevent and reduce some illnesses."

Jade O., 8th grade, Lucama, NC.

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"Oval-Leaf Milkweed & Sunflower Hybrid"

"I chose Oval-Leaf Milkweed and the Sunflower because there are 20,000 species of moths and butterflies going extinct to the loss of food and habitat. The milkweed will give more food and places to live for the butterflies. The sunflower for bees and other animals. Also, it is pretty so people will want to use it."

Katie M., 7th grade, Logan, UT.

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"Japanese Cherry Tree & Bamboo Hybrid"

"It is a cherry blossom tree originated in Japan and the branches and logs are bamboos. It would attract more tourists with its beauty."

Ethan N., 7th grade, Glen Mills, PA.

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"Venus Flytrap & Cactus Hybrid"

"My hybrid has cactus needles to defend itself. It also has very sharp teeth and a long jaw to catch insects off-guard. It's also as big as a real cactus so it can eat small animals like rodents or other small pesky animals."

Carter F., 6th grade, Dartmouth, MA.

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Illustrate your hybrid:



"Canna Tropicanna & Prickly Caterpillar Bean Hybrid"

"My hybrid is a massive plant (6ft.) with pod-like flowers at the top. They release a smell that smells like vanilla. Surrounding the thorned stems are prickly caterpillar beans. It would benefit people by being put in parks for its real beauty, and the homeless could eat the beans and water collected in the leaves."

Diego L., 7th grade, Flagstaff, AZ.

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"Globe Thistle & Palm Tree Hybrid"

"My hybrid is a mix between a globe thistle and a palm tree. The thistle is beautiful and attractive and the palm tree is strong and stable. It can help for people that are not good at gardening, palm trees don't take much food or care."

Olivia G., 7th grade, Landisville, PA.

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"Ginger & Dandelion Hybrid"

"It will have the root of the ginger plant, and stem, leaves, and flowers of the dandelion plant. The whole plant will be usable - the root, stems, flowers, and leaves. It will aid digestion, detox the liver, improve pancreas function, reduce nausea and inflammation."

CeCe F., 6th grade, Longview, TX.

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"Pealily"

"My hybrid will be a cross between a Runner Peanut and Water Lily. The Pealily solves hunger and water shortage problems. Discarded peanut husks/shells from the Pealily can be used for fertilizer and compost. The leaves from the Pealily can be used to construct biodegradable baskets for starting/planting other edible crops."

Hannah S., 4th grade, Sarasota, FL.

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"Graberry"

"Grapes are sweet, juicy. The green ones are sour. The grapes are amazing. Strawberries are sweet. They can be sour full of juice. And both of them together are just glorious."

Tenia G., 7th grade, Eufaula, OK.

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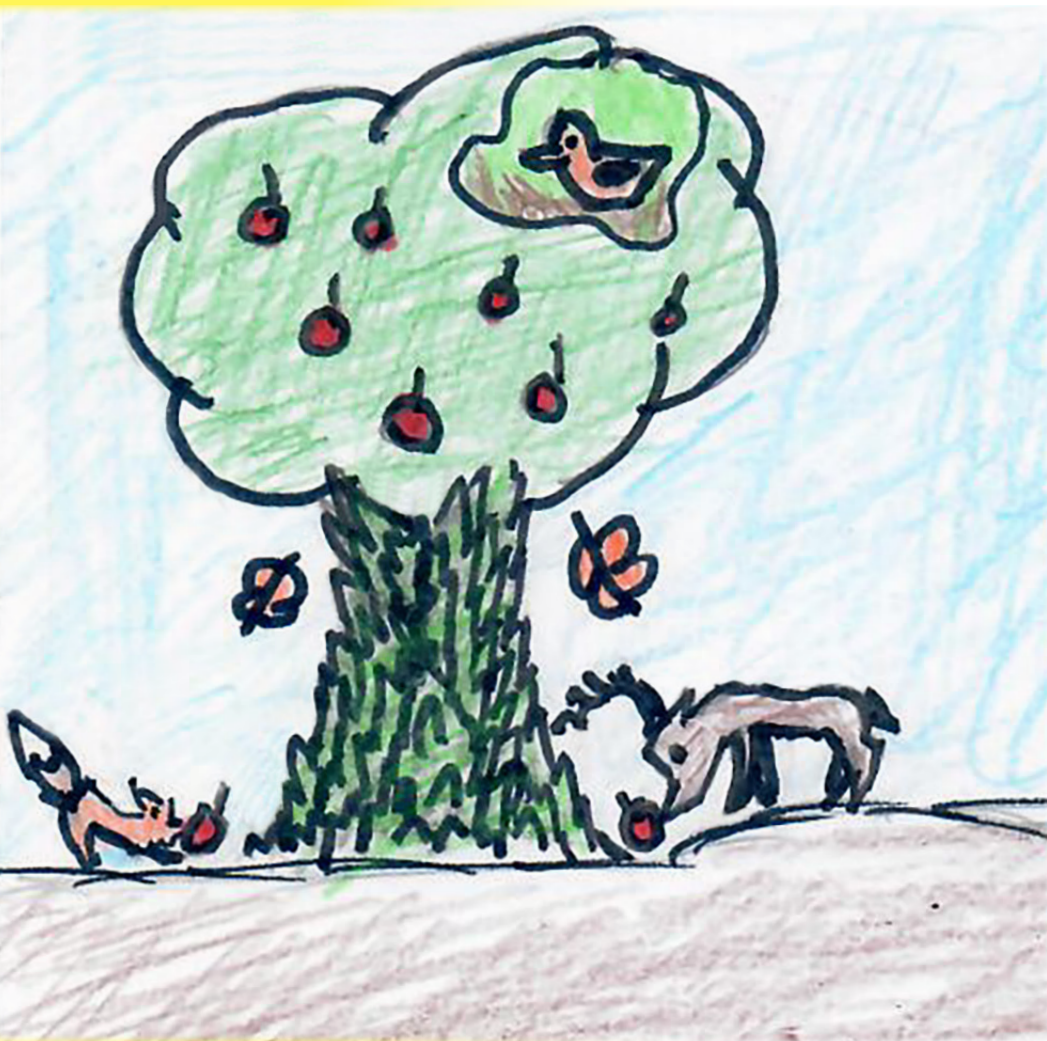
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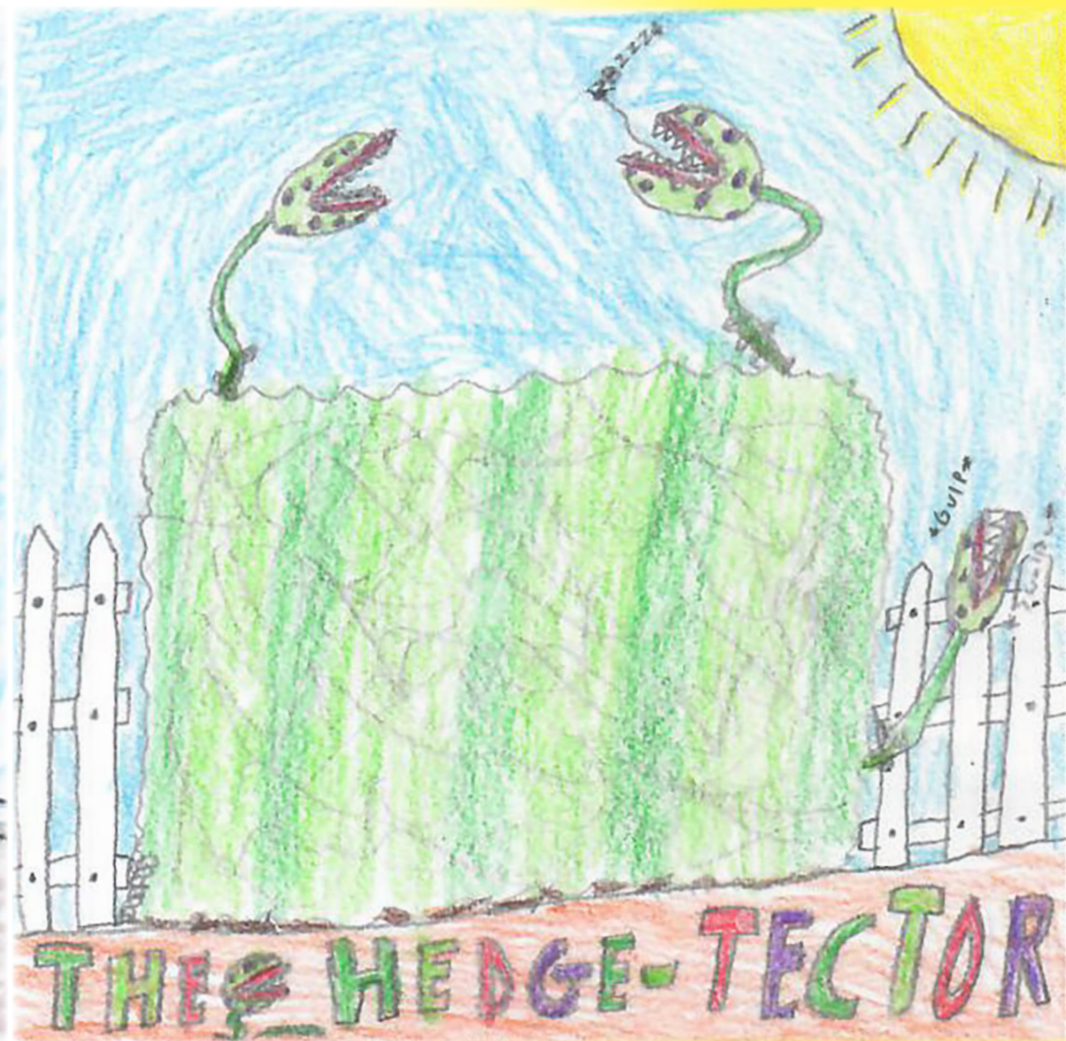


"Milkweed & Apple Tree Hybrid"

"While providing food for the endangered monarch butterfly, it also provides housing for birds! The tree now being like a weed means that it can grow anywhere! When the apples fall or are harvested they can feed a variety of other animals. Insects can feast upon the milkweed apples."

Rebekah M., 7th grade, Arbuckle, CA.

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"Venus Flytrap & Hedge Hybrid: The Hedge-Tector"

"It would eat small insects, and create an eco-friendly 'hedge of protection!' So it would provide privacy too. If all small suburban neighborhoods had some, all the pool parties and backyard barbeques would be bug-free! The flytrap will also do your taxes for you!"

Cooper O., 6th grade, Shawnee, OK.

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"Spearmint & Cherry Hybrid: Cherrmints"

"Cherrmint juice will help people with bruises and cuts or something. Cherries can feed people and you can put mint inside of your tea."

Analya C., 5th grade, Albuquerque, NM.

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"Aloe Vera & Hibiscus Flower Hybrid: Aloebiscus"

"The parents of my hybrid are the aloe vera and the hibiscus flower. The hibiscus helps with constipation, blood circulation, and its even anti-inflammatory! The aloe vera fights acne, boosts hair growth, and soothes burns. Together, the aloe vera and hibiscus will be a beautiful and beneficial plant. This plant will be a miracle to have in your home."

Diana S., 6th grade, Palmetto, FL.

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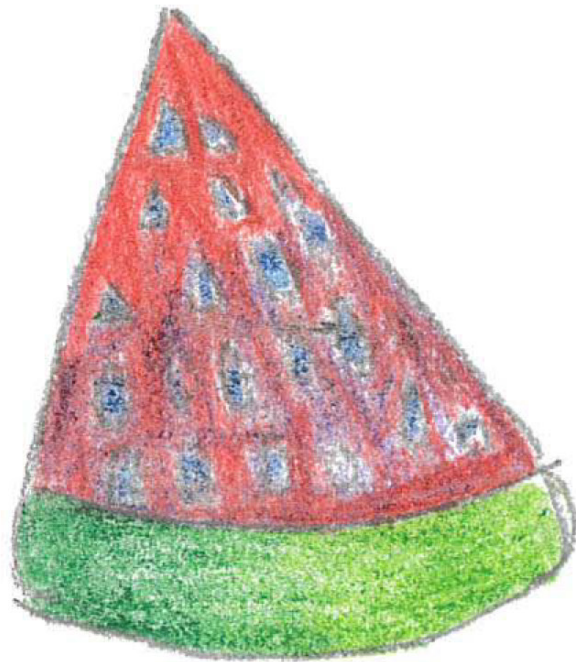
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Pomegranate & Watermelon
mom dad

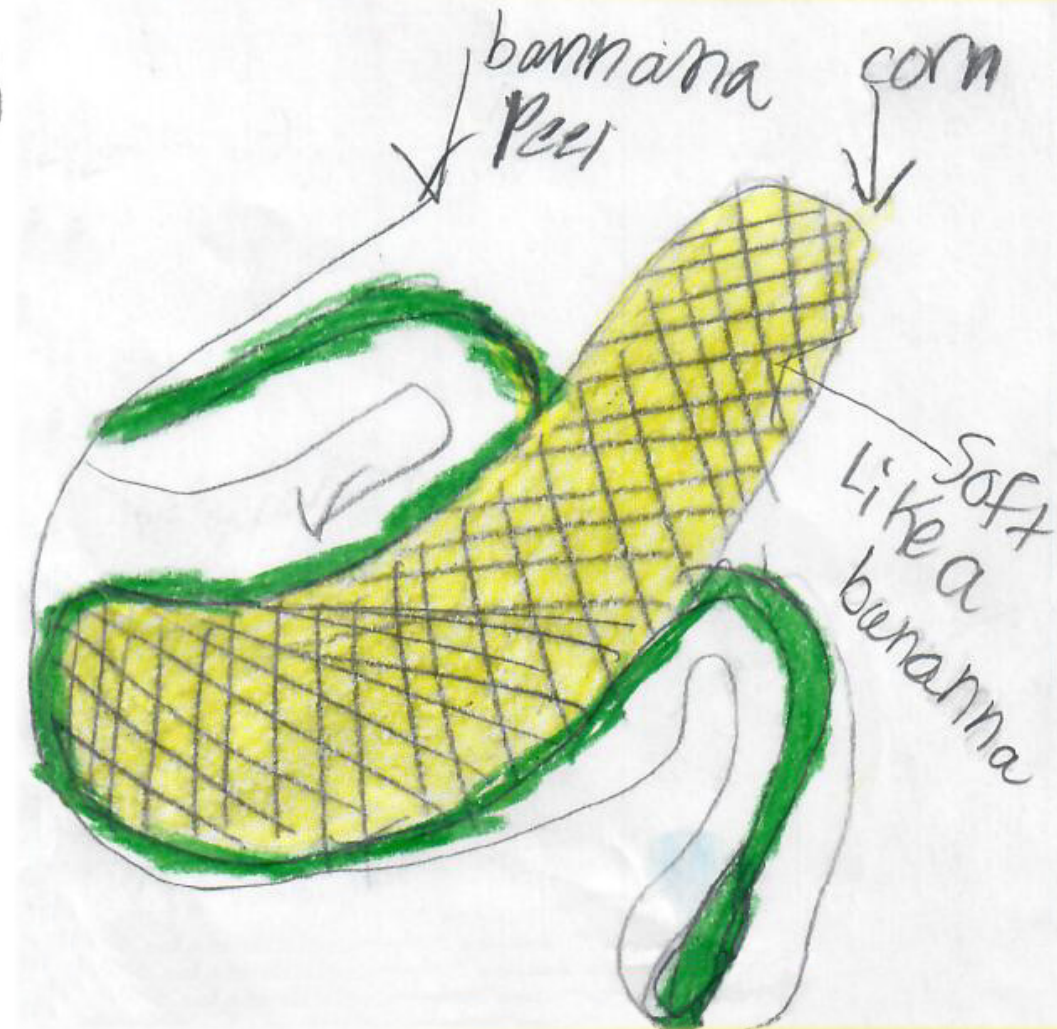


"Pomegranate & Watermelon Hybrid: Melon Granted"

"This here is the melon granted. It's a combination of a watermelon and pomegranate. This is beneficial to the soil and this builds the immune system and contains vitamins for the body."

Tamara, 7th grade, Palmetto, FL.

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"Banana & Corn Hybrid"

"The features of my hybrid are a corn-like food in a banana shape wrapped in a green peel. The corn has kernels that you can eat. My hybrid will give you the protein from the corn and a banana all-in-one."

Kyler N., 7th grade, Logan, UT.