

Liza's First Spelling Bee

Liza has loved words for as long as she can remember. She loves the sounds words make, the shapes of words, and the way letters are arranged in words. Some of her favorite words are lollipop, balloon and purple. When Liza has free time at school, she likes to write down words and doodle on the letters to create fun drawings. Sometimes she takes the drawings home to her parents, and sometimes her teacher pins them to the classroom bulletin board.

One day, Liza's art teacher, Mr. Jordan, walked into her classroom and noticed one of Liza's recent pieces of word art. He was very impressed with her creativity and her word choice. After all, not many fourth graders know the word sanctuary and how to spell it, let alone know what it means.

Liza's word art turned the word sanctuary into a beautiful image with birds, rabbits and butterflies in a natural, undisturbed setting with trees and a pond.

Mr. Jordan waited until the class went to recess, and then talked to Liza's teacher, Mrs. Roberts, about Liza's talent. Mrs. Roberts said, "She is a very good artist, and she is also quite talented at spelling."