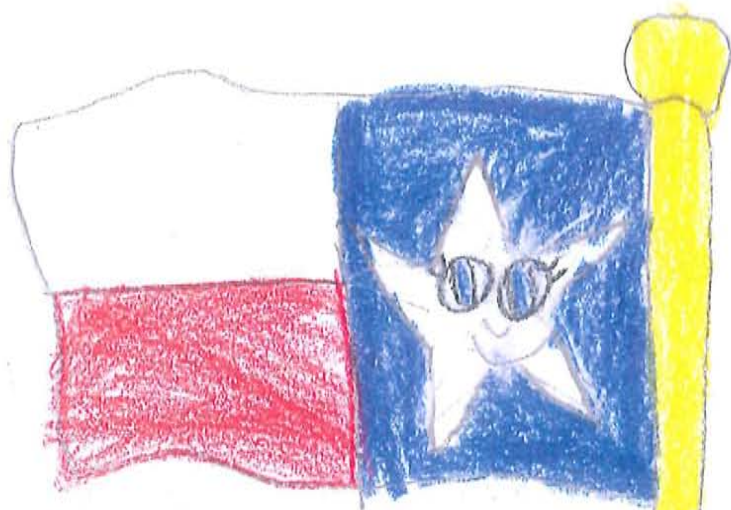


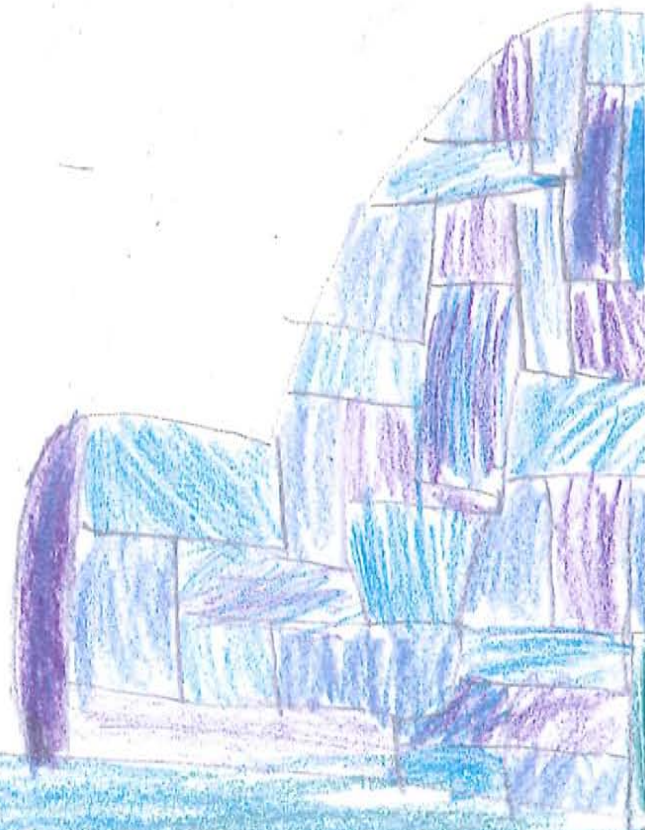
Friends For Miss Star



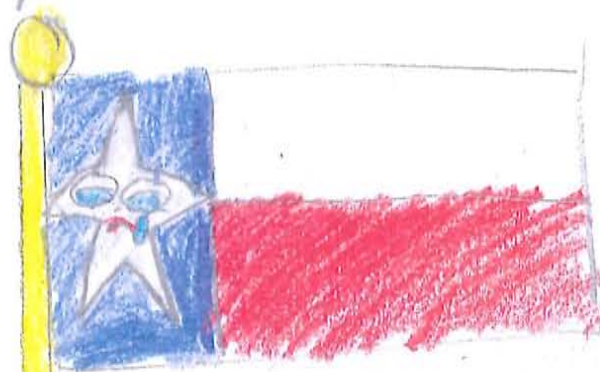
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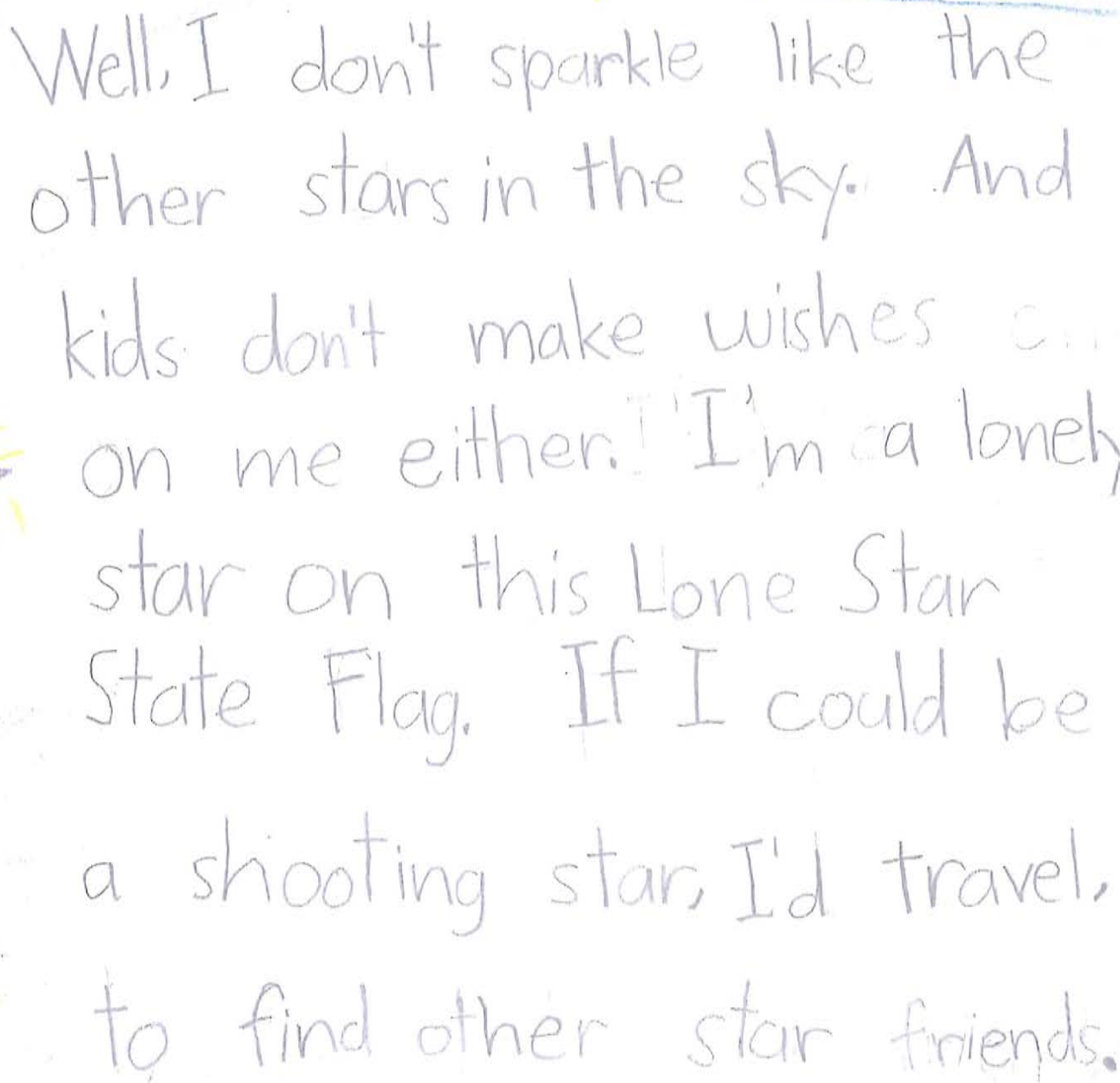


Penny Penguin feels drops of water falling on her beak. That's funny. There are no clouds in the sky today.

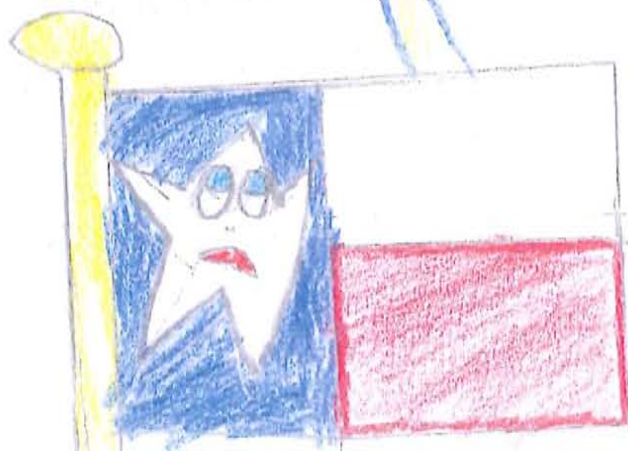


She looks up and sees that the
star on the flag is crying! Why
are you crying - Miss Star?





Well, I don't sparkle like the other stars in the sky. And kids don't make wishes on me either. I'm a lonely star on this Lone Star State Flag. If I could be a shooting star, I'd travel to find other star friends.



The next day Penny hopped on
an airplane. She was going to
find friends for Miss Star. She
looks out her window. How
could she bring a shining
star to Miss Lone Star?



Penny flew all over the world
looking for a friend to bring
home. She found nobody.

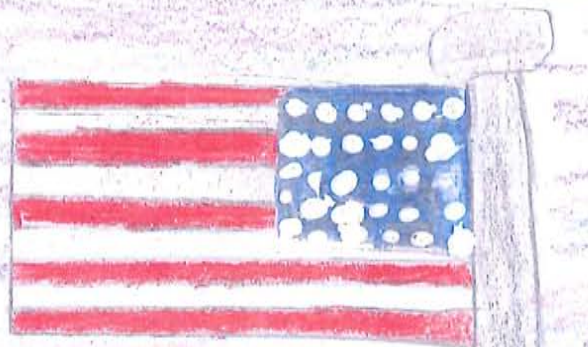


Penny was tired and ready to go home. But she still didn't have a friend for Miss Lone Star. Penny looked out her window into the night sky. "I know, I'll make a wish on a star," thought Penny.



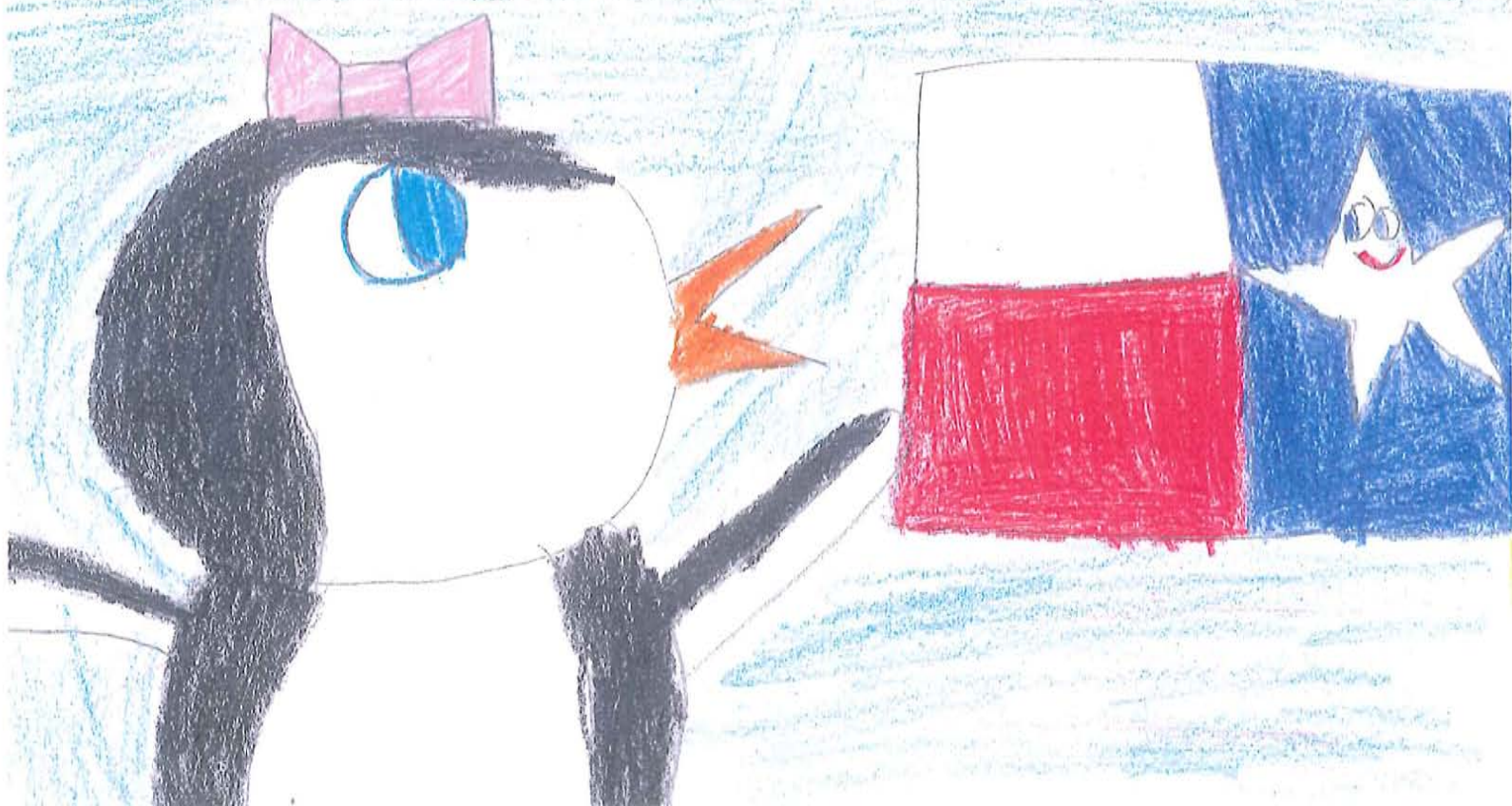
Instead of seeing a bright twinkling star,
she saw many white stars on a flag.

Penny knew it was the flag of the
United States, and she was home!

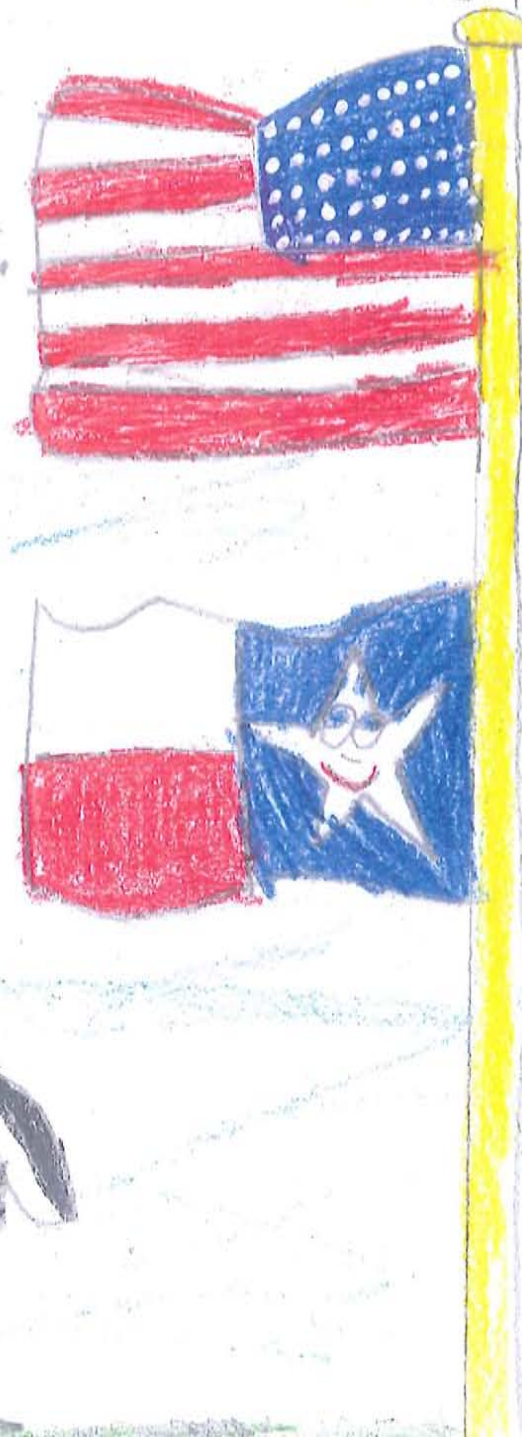


"Hello Miss Star." said Penny.

"You're back! I missed you." said Miss Lone Star. "I have something wonderful to tell you! I found 50 other stars just like you to be your friend so you won't be sad anymore! Look up Miss Star." said Penny.



Miss Star looked up and saw another flag above her with 50 stars. Penny told her what the U.S.A. Flag means to Americans. How they feel pride, freedom and love when they look at the stars. Those feelings are the best.



"So Miss Star you are the brightest star in Texas. And you have 50 other star friends who are the brightest stars in the country."

Miss Lone Star beamed with pride and joy!

