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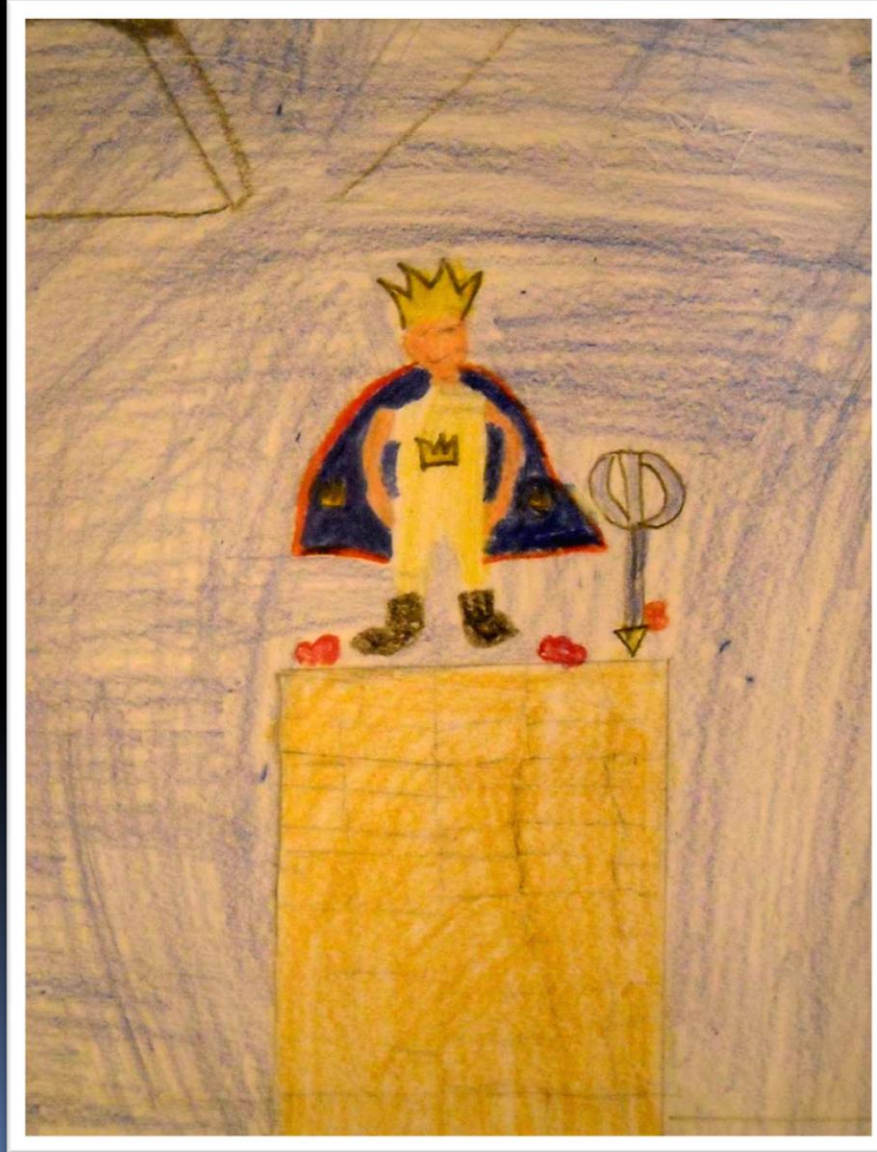
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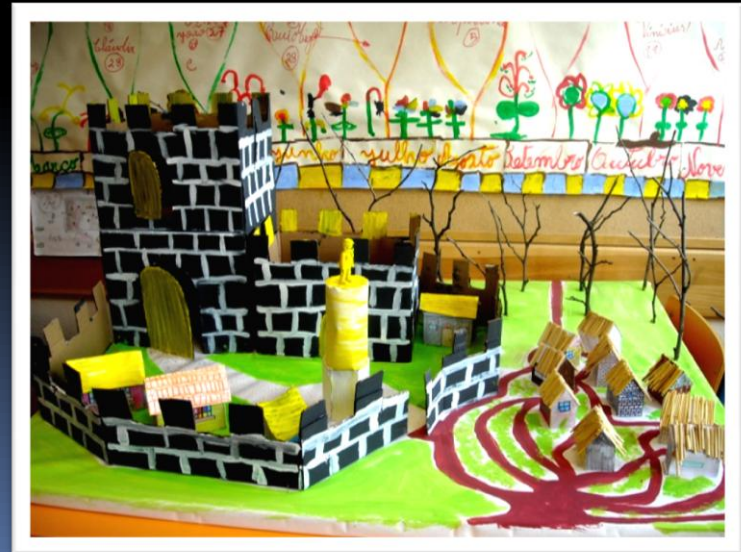
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The Happy Prince

(Adaptation and summary from the Oscar Wilde fairy tale)



A long time ago, in a faraway kingdom, there was a prince, who lived in a beautiful castle, where sorrow was not allowed to enter..



In the daytime he used to play with his companions in the beautiful gardens of the castle, and, in the evening, he led the dance in the Great Hall, always wearing the most expensive and charming vestments.



The clothes were made by a woman who lived outside the castle walls and to whom it was promised a fair payment.



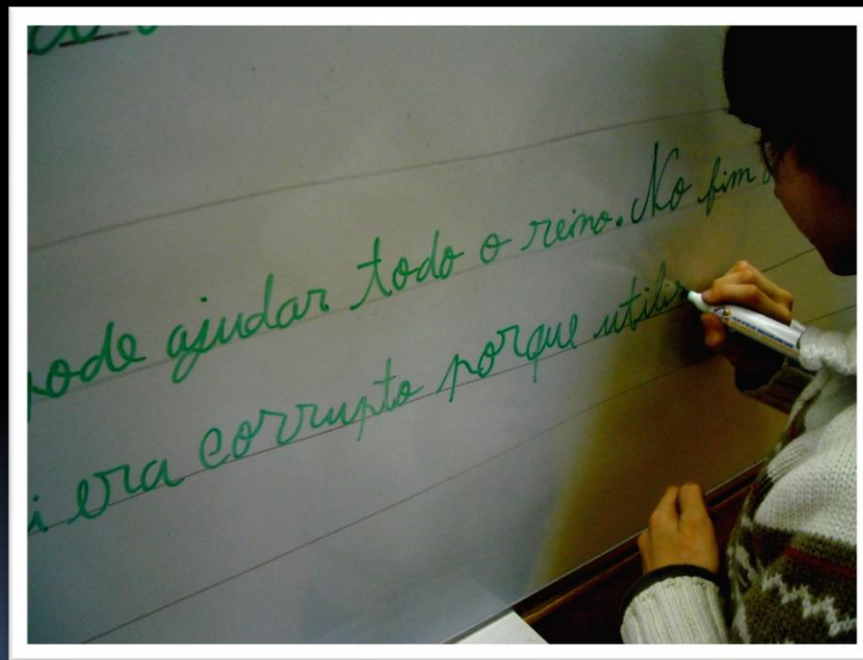
One day, when he was still quite young, he died and, in his honour, the king ordered the construction a of fine gold statue right in the middle of the square. The statute was laid on a tall column made of granite. For eyes he had two bright sapphires, and a large red ruby glowed on his sword-hilt. His body was gilded all over with thin leaves of fine gold and his heart was leaden made. On the day the statue was erected, a swallow flew over towards Egypt and came up to him. For a moment, the statue acquired sensitivity and started crying.



The swallow kept back a Happy Prince tear, and he began to weep by seeing so much poverty outside the fortress. He saw a woman sewing dresses and beside her a very boy lying ill in a bed. He immediately asked the swallow if it will not bring her the ruby out of his sword so that she could handle the boy in the town doctor to be treated.



Therefore, the Happy Prince helped that family and with the rest of his body, He was able to support the whole kingdom. After being left with nothing outwardly of his statue and his heart had snapped, the Happy Prince reached the conclusion that his father was a corrupt man, because he took all the money exclusively to his own advantage and satisfaction while the city continued living in poverty.





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Photos portraying the activities done by the students

