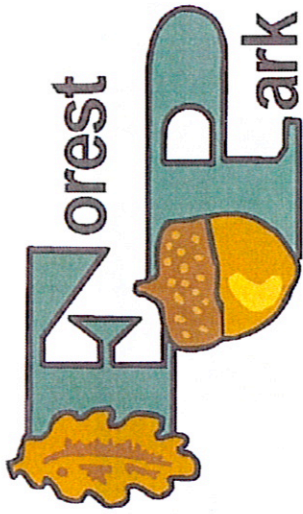


# A Calendar of Forest Park



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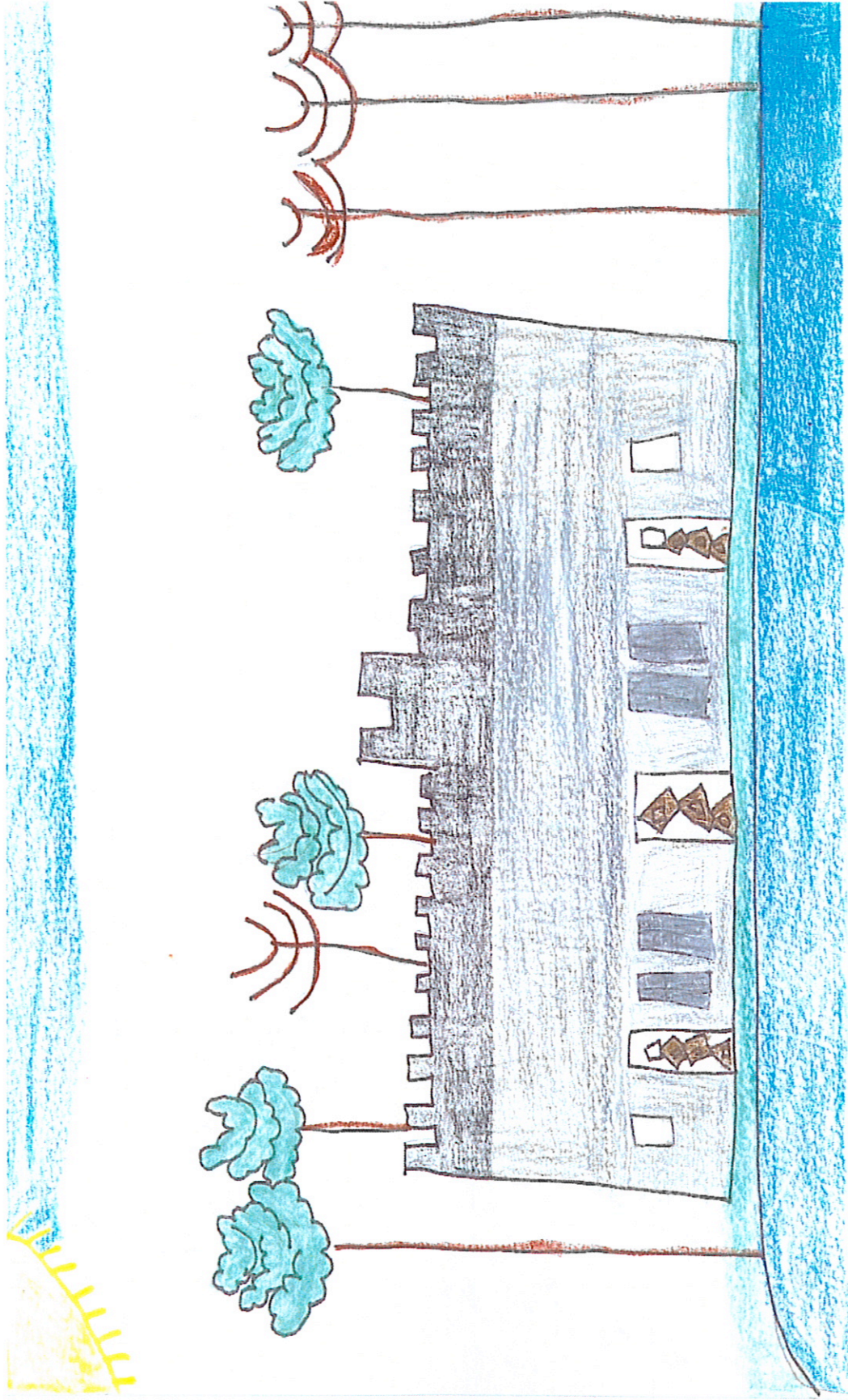
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# January 2007

Things to do in the park in January: walk, sled, outdoor ice skating (safe conditions only), indoor ice skating at Cyr Arena, and run.

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## Old Skate House



## The Skate House

This is the coolest place ever. You have to go to Forest Park to learn about neighborhoods. You go to the old house to skate there and to have fun. You see people. There are different people there. The ground has dirt, and grass, trees, water in the summer and ice in the winter. It looks old but some of it looks great. It looks like the most awesome place you have ever seen before, the coolest, coolest place. It looks wonderful. In the winter at the skate house you can skate there. You need skates, gloves, hats and earmuffs. You go there to have fun.

# February 2007

Things to do in the park in February: walk, sled, outdoor ice skating (safe conditions only), indoor ice skating at Gyr Arena and "Fabulous February" is held during school vacation.

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## A Hill for Sledding



### Sledding

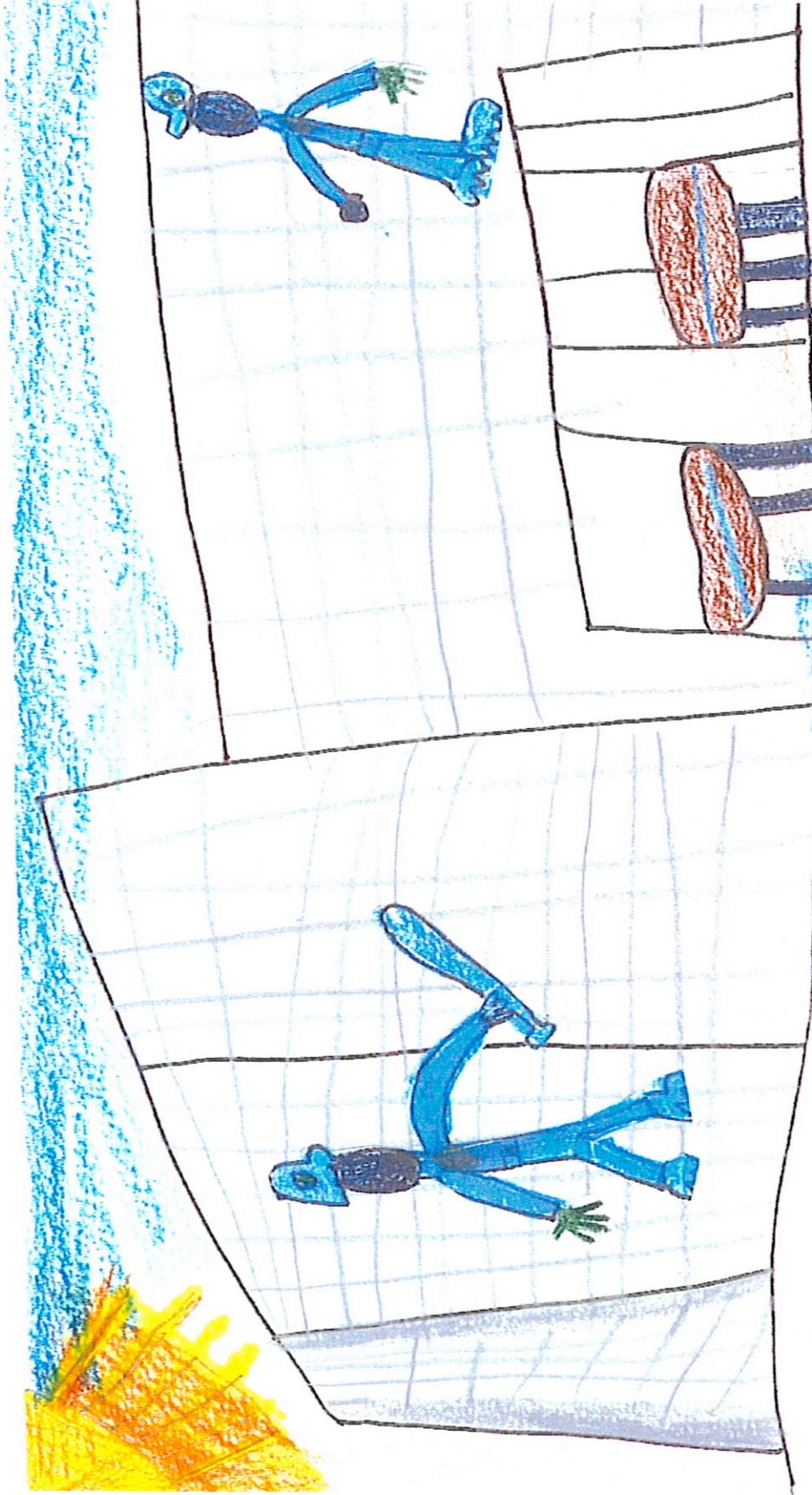
I had a really, really cool day. It was COOL! I got to see nice people at Forest park. If you come and you don't know how to sled maybe some nice people will teach you and you will have fun. Forest Park is located in the southwest part of Springfield. The rules of sledding are when you sled you can not stand up or you will hurt yourself. When you are sledding you can't pick up snow and throw it at people. Or they'll be hurt. The things you need for sledding are a toboggan, gloves, a hat, a jacket, and boots, that's all. To sled you need to go to a hill and put your sled down and ride it down the hill. Sometimes snow gets in your face. If it is fun you could scream or yell really loud.

# March 2007

Things to do in the park in March: walk, sled, outdoor ice skating (safe conditions only), indoor ice skating at Cyr Arena (arena closes at the end of the month), fly a kite on Barney Hill.

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# Play Baseball



## The Baseball Field

When I play on the baseball field I wear a shirt like a red shirt. And I need my team. I need a bat and a ball. And I need a fence. When it is Father's Day I bring my dad to see me play baseball. When it's Mother's Day I could bring my mom to Forest Park too. I could bring both my parents and all the people will side with the Red Sox team.



# April 2007

Things to do in the park in April: walk, run, picnic season begins, zoo opens on the weekends, play tennis, fly a kite, softball and baseball season begins, outdoor basketball, and the Fishing Derby.

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## Picnic Areas



### Picnics in the Park

This is the greatest place in the whole universe. The place is called Forest Park. At Forest Park you can have a picnic. You can also have lunch or a tasty snack. You can play games with your friends. The games you can play are tag, hide and seek, and duck, duck goose. There are trees. The trees help you get cool. You can bring a tablecloth, a mat and a basket. Then you can bring out the food and eat. Last you pack up the food and go home.

# May 2007

Things to do in the park in May: walk, run, have a picnic, zoo opens full time, tennis, fly a kite, play softball and baseball, outdoor basketball, soccer season begins and it is time to register for summer programs.

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## Our Fantastic Rainy Field Study to Forest Park!



### The Trip to Forest Park

Do you know what I did on 5/2/06? Well...What I did was I went to Forest park. It was a field trip. We went with our classroom friends and teachers. We went to learn about neighborhoods. First we went to Cyr Arena. I saw a fireplace, skates and a skating rink. Then Rob gave us Springfield Falcons pucks. Next we went on the train. When I was four I went on it. I saw people, houses, ponds, rivers and also ducks. After Conductor Bob gave us a tour. We saw ...speed bumps! One made us jump. We also saw a bunch of trees and houses. It was fun. After that we learned about the neighborhood I mentioned earlier. It was very cool. They told us not to litter. Then we ate in Cyr Arena. It was very good. Last we left. I loved, loved, loved the field trip.

# June 2007

Things to do in the park in June: walk, run, have a picnic, visit the zoo, tennis lessons and leagues begin, fly a kite, play softball and baseball, outdoor basketball, soccer and the summer concert series begins.

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## Zoo Entrance



### Go to The Zoo

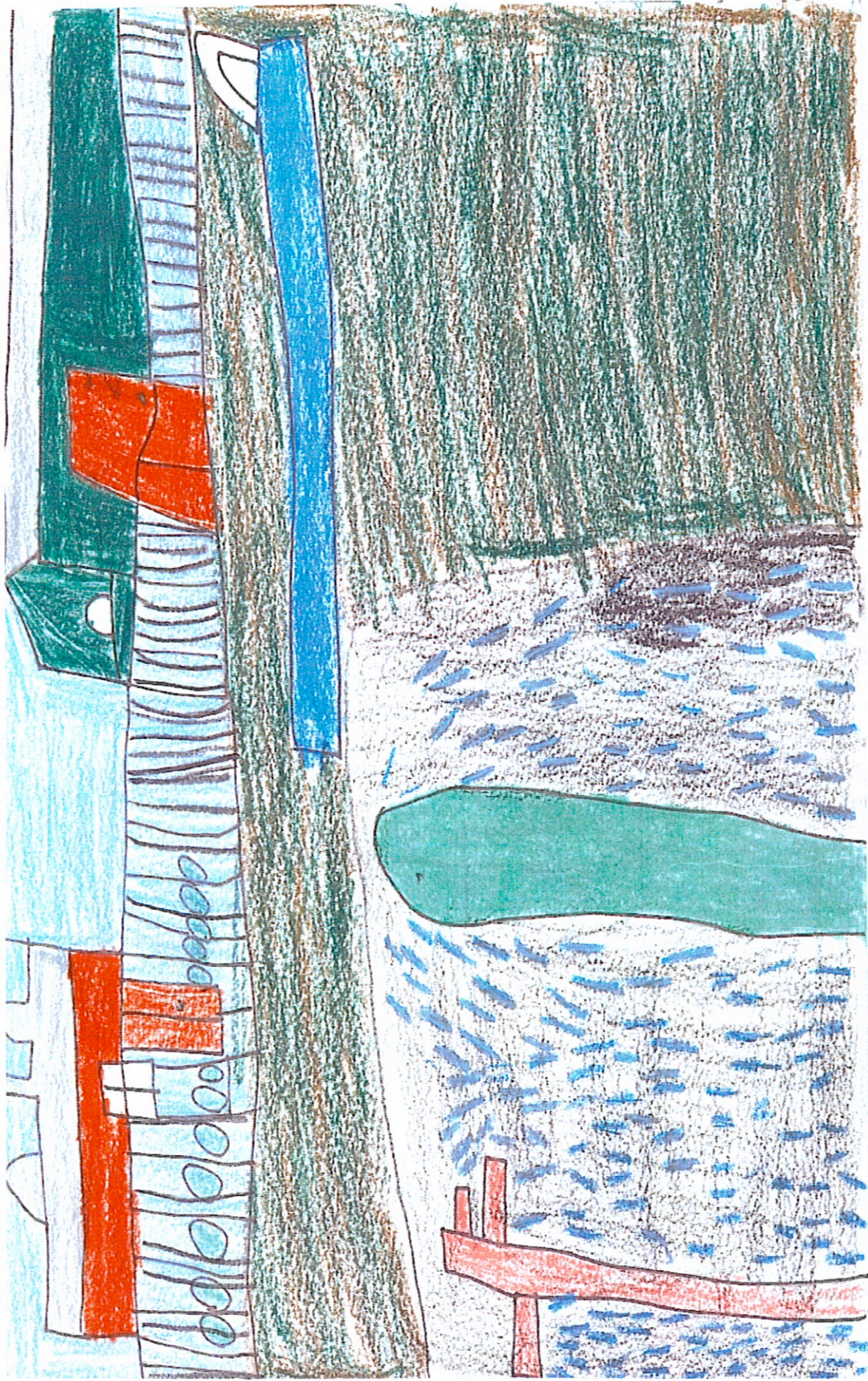
You can go to the zoo. You have to go there. You can take pictures and you can see animals. You can see the ducks. You can touch and feed the animals. You can see the bear. You can ride the train in the zoo. If you touch the animals you need to wash your hands. You could bring your family.

# July 2007

Things to do in the park in July: walk, run, swim, have a picnic, the zoo, play tennis, fly a kite, play softball, baseball, basketball, or soccer, go to a summer concert, and participate in the Summer Enrichment program.

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## The Pool and Spray Park



### The Pool

What do you do in the pool? It is where you swim, you get wet and most of all you have F.U.N.! That means fun! You need a ticket to get in the pool and you have to have a grown up with you. If you do not know how to swim, tell your dad, or mom, or sister, or brother to help you swim. What you do to swim is push your feet and your hands and then you can swim. In the pool it is great to go there and have fun.



# August 2007

Things to do in the park in August: walk, run, picnics, go to the zoo, tennis, fly a kite, play softball, baseball, basketball, or soccer, go to a summer concert and swim.

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## The Rose Garden



The Rose Garden is the prettiest place you will ever see! The Rose Garden is in the place of Forest Park. Forest Park is in Springfield. The Rose Garden is in the middle of the park. The people who work there are Tracy and Morganetta. Tracy works hard in the Rose Garden. Tracy and Morganetta are good workers. They plant flowers like roses, daisies, marigolds and lots more. There are lots of roses in the Rose Garden. When you go, you should take a long look at the flowers. Maybe you'll bring your family. I think your family will like it there at the Rose garden.

# September 2007

Things to do in the park in September: walk, run, picnics, go to the zoo, play tennis, fall soccer begins, Wooden Bat League begins, Hockey teams and leagues begin, Cyr Arena opens.

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# October 2007

Things to do in the park in October: walk, run, go to the zoo, tennis, fall soccer, Wooden Bat League, play hockey, skate at Cyr Arena and "Halloween Happenings".

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## The Duck Pond



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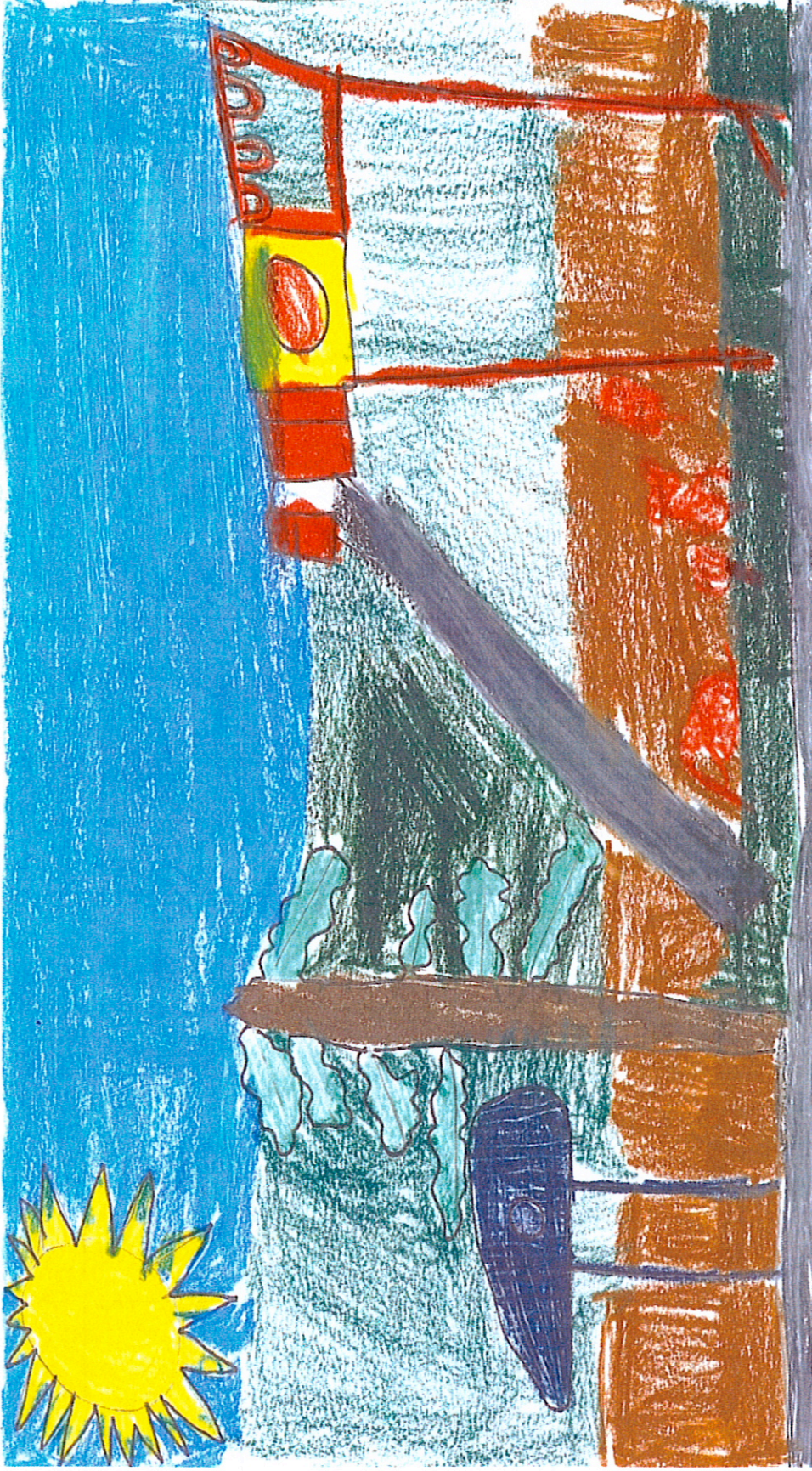
This is a great place to feed ducks with your family! It's the duck pond. You can also pet the ducks. Ducks also water! What do you need? Bread and food for you. They made the park for you to enjoy. SO JUST GO! The ducks have colors like white, brown, gray and black. You can't swim, there was a sign that said no swimming but that's alright. But you can play hide and seek, duck, duck, goose and lots more. You can play these there because there is lots of space for everyone to have fun. I love the duck pond! You will too!

# November 2007

Things to do in the park in November: walk, run, go to the zoo, tennis, fall soccer ends, Wooden Bat League, play hockey, skate at Cyr Arena, Bright Nights begin.

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## The Playground



### The Playground

The playground is very big. It's very, very colorful. It's playful. You can play with a ball there. You can also play tag. You can have a picnic too. You can play hide and go seek. They have slides and swings there. They have lots of monkey bars. They have lots of trees that will keep you cool in the summer. You can sit on a bench and rest. I feel very glad they put it there.

# December 2007

Things to do in the park in December: walk, sled, indoor ice skating at Gyr Arena, run, Holiday programs during school vacation week, "Santa Skate" at Gyr Arena.

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## Cyr Arena



### Cyr Arena

You have to hear all about Forest Park! Forest Park has a fireplace. It heats the Cyr Arena up! The fireplace has brown bricks. There is a beautiful Birthday Room. Did you ever have a birthday? You can bring cake and ice cream. There are tables all ready. I think you would want to go to the snack bar because... They sell snacks!!! I like the snack bar. They only skate in the winter. Sometimes it is cold in the rink. There is ice on the ground. You can borrow some skates. Cyr Arena is a great place to be. There are hockey players there. They skate on the ice.

# Things to Do and People to See at the Park

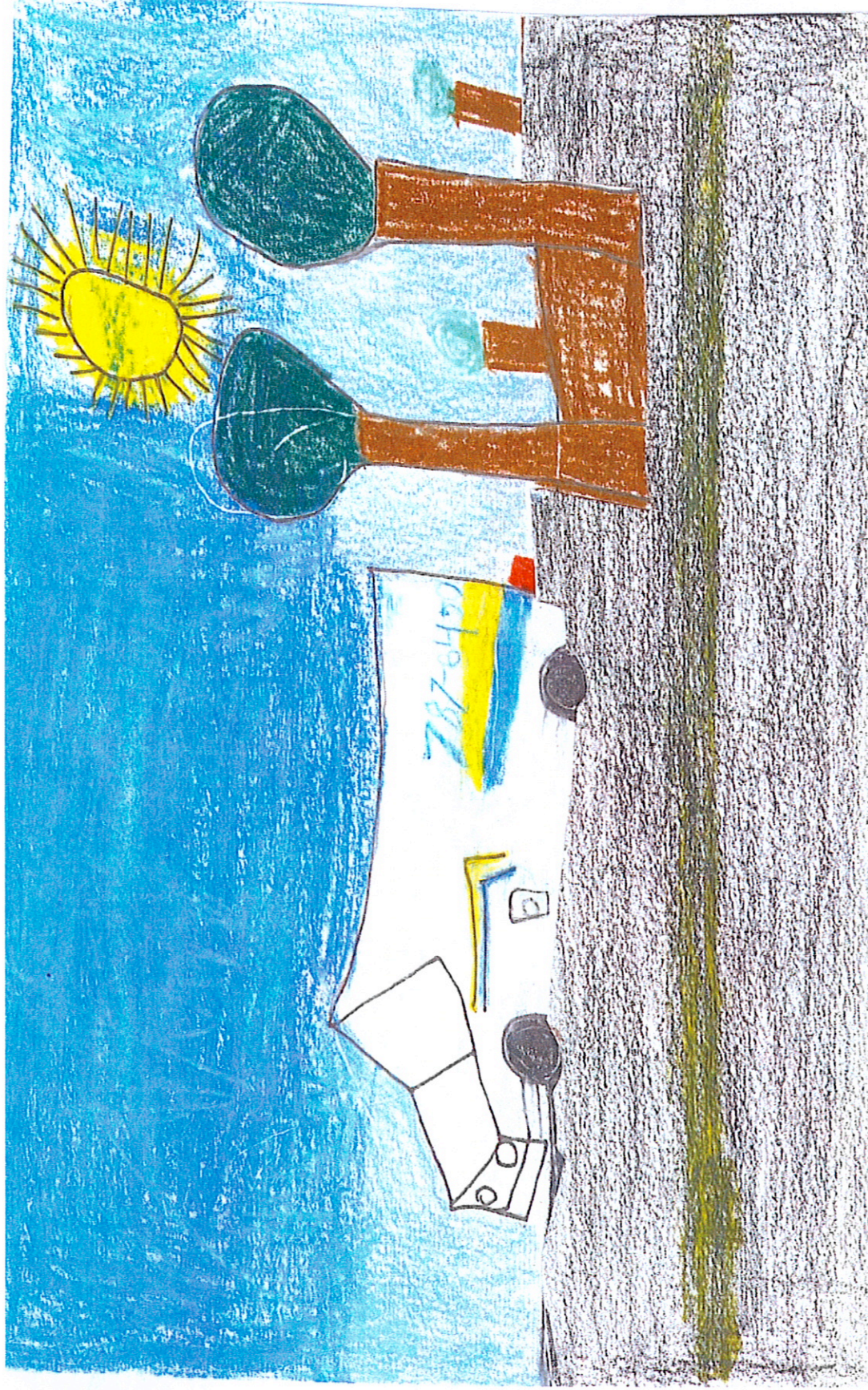
## Bike Riding



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You should ride your bike at Forest Park because it is good exercise. You can see ducks, frogs and fish while you are riding your bike. You need a safety helmet so you can be safe. You need to be away from cars. They have a bike path for bikes only. I did not ride my bike at Forest Park but I always want to ride my bike at the park. I like to ride bikes all day. I will show you how to ride a bike. You get a little push, then put up your feet, put it in the pedal so you can ride it.

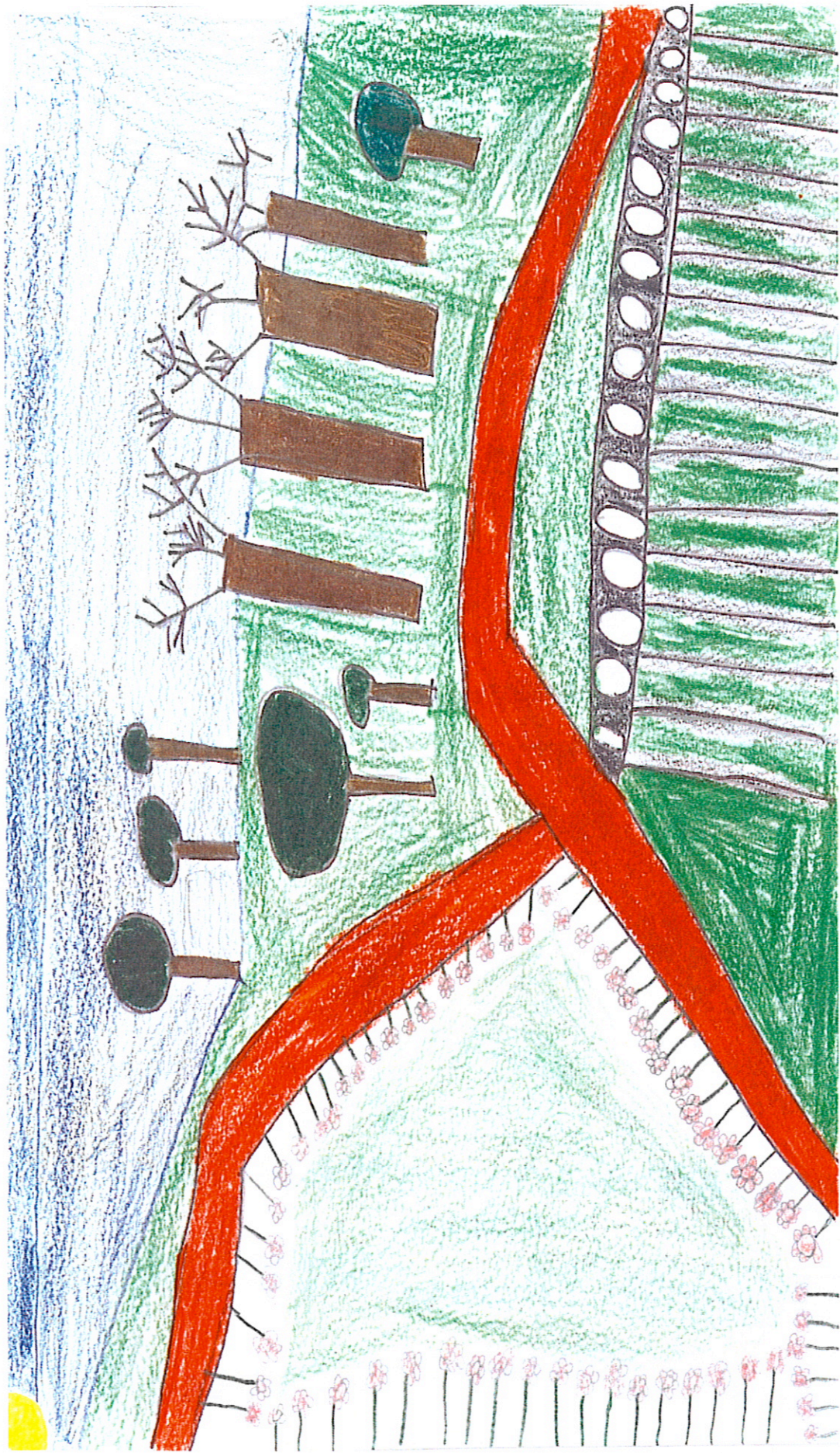
## The Ranger's Truck



## The Park Rangers

The Ranger building is a very good place to go. The ranger building is red. The building was made with bricks. The building is small. I got to press the buttons in the car. I felt great. The car was nice. It was mostly white. The car has lines and numbers. It has windows and doors. They have a mirror and seats. The ranger drives the car to watch people. If someone is hurt or if someone is mean to you, the ranger will tell them to stop. The ranger gave us a badge. There were lots of badges on the wall. The rangers have blue uniforms.

## The Gardens



### The Gardens

In Forest Park there are many gardens. There is the Rose Garden. You can sit in the Rose Garden in the middle chair. It's a little comfortable. There is a big house called the Carriage House. It is nice. You can't go in it. It is locked. You can see plants. There are white flowers and pink plants and nice bushes. They are so green. The plants are so beautiful. You can see stuff. They have a fence. It is not locked. It is open. It is black. You see trees and flowers.

## The Carriage House



### The Carriage House

The Barney House is the best place to go to. You can go there anytime. The Barney House is big. It is a great place. It's located in the Carriage House. The color is brown. The people could drive there or they could walk there. It is a GREAT place to go. The people could smell the flowers. The flowers are white. It is a fun place to go to. So go to Forest Park and have fun. The Barney house is exciting. I know Carriage House is cool. You can see people get married. You can see their beautiful wedding gowns. It is so,so big! There is a garden. It is a good place to have fun.

## Trails in the Forest



### Hiking

I love hiking trails in the park. When you hike the trails in the park you can take a break at the park and the kids can play in the park. Then you can go back and hike. When you hike you can do a lot of things like look around. You can even go to the Ranger's Station. When you look around you can go to the duck pond and the zoo. We bring a water bottle. When you hike you can see nice, green trees and grass.

### Our Calendar

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Room 1 poses with the Ranger!



Mrs. Federico leads the troupes!

