



Pieces of Me



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Dear Reader,

Have you ever wanted to remember something and your memory can't hold on to it? If there's a camera around, you might just take a picture to always have this memory with you. In our class, we have been learning about photography and capturing images of things we want to remember.

This year, we learned so much in photography. Before Outside the Lens, we did not know about "vantage points" or "elements of design". We learned the types of photography and the basics of how to use a camera. We also learned where the light should be, how to use shadows, and where to stand.

When you open this book, you will see our favorite parts of us. We also explained why this was the best part of ourselves. When you look at our piece, you will see creativity, imagination, and uniqueness. Our photos bring out feelings, thoughts, messages, and emotions. At the same time, our writing allows us to get absorbed into our own words and thoughts.

Our pictures and writing will make you think and wonder. We are kids, so we are always thinking about the world around us. Our imagination is immense! In our pictures, you will notice that we took our time to plan and freeze a moment from the past.

We've worked really hard on this book. All the pictures were taken by our fellow students. We hope you learn a lot about us and about photography.

Your Photographers,

Room 9

My Heart

The best part of me is my heart. It helps me to live and be strong. It helps me to stand up for myself. It is part of a saying when your mom says to follow your heart. If I didn't have a heart I would be worthless. The heart is the main part of you. That is why I like it. It is unique in every way. It helps you do everything. My heart helps me love and appreciate all I have in my life. My heart is all I am.

By
Rachel



My Brain

If I didn't have a brain I wouldn't know $1+1$ or $5+5$. It would be awful if we didn't have brains.

We would be wondering what people are talking about. That's why it's important to have a brain. The brain is important to me. It's my best part of me.

By

Isabel



My Legs

By Matthew

My legs are strong. They are attached to my body. They help me kick, run, skip, gallop and jump. They let me do my favorite sport like soccer, baseball and basketball. Without my legs I can't do my favorite sport or game. That is why I like my legs.



My Feet

I love my feet because I can run when my brother wants to tackle me. I can stomp on aluminum cans and kick things. I would be miserable if I did not have my feet. I would not get to play tag with my friends or jump over things or kick when I get tickled. I like my feet most because I can do so many things with them.

By

Tim Matista



My Tongue

The best part of me is my tongue.

It is there for me to talk and eat.

I can say anything I need. You couldn't eat ice cream if you had no tongue.

It wouldn't be fun. So aren't you glad you have your tongue?

By
Emma



My Hands

The reason I like my hands is because they are unique, interesting and very talented. Music is very important to me like playing guitar and piano. When I look at my hands I think, "What do those lines mean?" "They are so interesting." "What could I do without them?" My hands are unique, interesting, talented and useful!

By

Noah



My Arm

My arm is a part of me. It gives me things to do like playing basketball and helping my dad work. Without my arms I couldn't hold stuff or reach for goodies. They're the best part of me because without them life would be hard. They give me strength to lift up things and bring food to my mouth. My arm is the best.

by

Ethan Schauer



My Feet

My feet are special because they help me run. They help me walk. My feet are special because they help me stand. They help me skip. My feet are special because they help me point. They help me flex. I have my grandmother's graceful feet. I love my feet. My feet are graceful and pretty in their own ways. But most of all my feet are mine.

By

Mia Wallach



My Eyes

Without my eyes I could not see. I like my eyes because I can read or write with them. I like the colour of my eyes. I like my eyes, they are the best part of me!

by

Kobe



My Feet

My feet take me everywhere. They're
unique. They're my feet. They jump. They hop.
They swirl. They twirl. You can dance. You can prance.
They're the best part of me and I love them!
You can walk. You can run. I think my feet are
fun. They're unique. They're my own special feet!

by Olivia



My Kneecaps

If I didn't have my kneecaps

I couldn't run. I could only waddle.

With them I could barely move. Would you

want to waddle for the rest of your

life? I definitely wouldn't. If I didn't

have my kneecaps I wouldn't be able to

play sports. And if I couldn't play sports

my life would be boring.

by

Dominic Sullivan



My Feet

My feet are unique. They help me play soccer. After each soccer game, I sit on my bed and think how miserable life would be without my feet. I wouldn't be able to run or play. My feet are unique and I like them. No matter what I will always love just how they are!

By

Amanda



My Eyes

My eyes help me watch all of the Chargers's football games. My eyes help me see my loving family. My eyes help me see the things I need to see the most. My eyes are like magic, always guiding me every day. I love my eyes!

By

Daniel Young



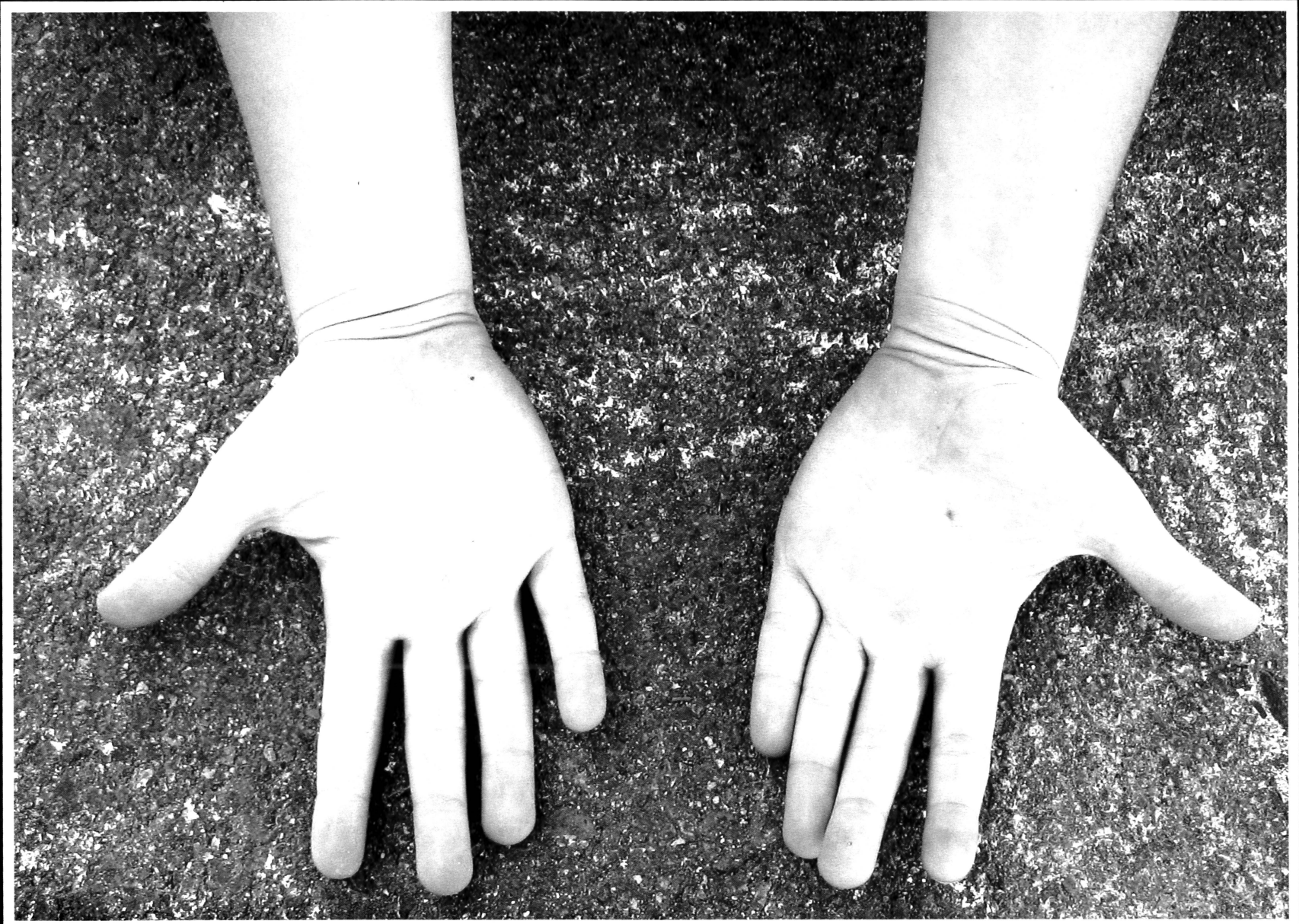
My Hands

My hands are great. Without my hands,
I can't play sports or do anything. I wouldn't know
what to do without my hands. I would be
nothing without my hands. It would be so boring.
I love my hands because they let me do everything.
I would be sad if I didn't have my hands.

by

Luke

(Luke)



My Feet

My feet are special and unique.

My feet can dance the way I want them to. They are talented. If I didn't have my feet I wouldn't be able to play or have fun. But I have feet and they are special. They're mine.

by: Alice
Alice



My Eyes

My eyes are important to me because they help me see. I thank God for them. They help me read and not read braille. I am grateful and I will keep them safe.

by

Daniel M



My Hands

My hands are special. They help me swing a tennis racket. They let me shoot hoops with my basketball. I don't know what I would do without my hands. They let me feel a soft dog's fur. They let me feel a warm cup of hot chocolate. My hands are special.

By

Claire Bridges



My Mouth

My mouth is the best part of me.

It lets me talk as long as I want.

It agrees with anything I think about. It

never gets tired. It lets me have a big

smile in pictures. It's always on my face. It's

mine forever.

By
Kazuha



My Eyes

My eyes help me see all around me. They're as brown as a brownie. You might want to have them but I won't trade them for anything not a dog, not a cat, not even a horse. I will not ever see any of these things without my eyes so what is the point? Without my eyes I would be nothing. My eyes that watch my favorite movie. Any movie is fine with me. You see without eyes you can't even read this!

By Deanna





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