

About the Teachers

Mrs. Koller

Mrs. Koller has taught elementary school for the past 35 years. She has recently retired from the Downingtown Area School District where she was an Instructional Support Teacher for many years. Mrs. Koller also teaches courses for teachers as part of the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project. She is delighted to be teaching at Longwood Gardens where she gets to combine her love of reading and writing with her passion for gardening.

Mrs. Ries

Mrs. Ries has been an elementary school teacher for eighteen years. She is a Literacy Specialist in the Downingtown Area School District. It was such a pleasure for her to come back to Longwood Gardens this summer and teach again. She really enjoyed combining her love of reading and writing with children in such an inspiring setting.

Miss Haley

Miss Haley is a student at West Chester University earning her certification for secondary English and Social Studies. A total bookworm, she is very excited to be at Longwood Gardens combining her love of nature with her love of storytelling.

Monday/Blended Genre/Scientist-Poet

Blended genre, (also known as hybrid genre or cross genre), combines and blends themes and elements from two or more different genres or styles.

SHEA CURRAN

Reddish, orangish stem
Lipstick for a giant
Tough but thin green leaves.
A knight's sword for a mouse
Walking stick for a man.
Black dots on the thick- hard stem.

Scientist	Poet
Red orangish	Lipstick for a giant
Tough leaves	A sword for a mouse
Thick stem	Walking stick
Green long leaves	Climbing wall for a fairy
Black dots	
Bottom looks like bamboo	
Thin leaves	
Very hard stem	

KATIE ORTLIEB

Fairy Sanctuary
Red, bright, red
sticks out of the stem,
like a fairy's bathtub.
With giant leaves
that give shade,
it also makes a waterslide.
The leaves move,
not from a breeze,
but,
from a gorgeous green bird.

Scientist	Poet
Red, white, green	Fairy tub
Big leaves	Waterslide
Pointy	Feathers
Smooth	Chainsaw lightsaber
Leaves are smooth and bumpy	
Big stems	
Curved	

PETER SUGIMOTO

Orange sharp shark's teeth,
green Japanese Fans.

Together,
They explode
into elephants
known as

The EVERGLADES PALM.

Scientist	Poet
Smooth	Shark's teeth
Sharp	Japanese fan
Green	
Orange	
Brown	

ELIJAH NEAL

A hairy snake
wrapping around a spiny tree.
It was very thin and easy
to slither up, avoiding the pointy needles.
It was very tall, existing to slither up.
He finally made it to the top,
hoping he could get down.

Scientist	Poet
Spiny	A spiky staff
Tall	Hairy snake
Hairy	Tall, skinny porcupine
Thin	A tall, green, leafy rose
Pointy	

CARISSA UNGER

AZALEA

Smooth green leaves
surrounding
the brown branches.
A home for fairies
hiding from people,
playing in its tiny trunk
AZALEA

Scientist	Poet
Brown	Home for fairies
Green leaves	Tiny trunk
Brown trunk and branches	Playing
Round top	
Mini	
White	
Gray	
Brown spots	
Smooth	

LILY CHEN

The Fairy's Forest

Loose-Flower Hornbeans
an awesome hide-and-seek spot
The fairy's forest.

The Gnome's Homes

In a small Gnome's Home,
a red flower for a sink,
green roof made of leaves.

Scientist	Poet
Red, green	A fairy's bathtub
Smooth	A playground slide
Pointy	Feathers
Furry	
Big leaves	
Thick stems	
Curved flowers	

ANNA HAMMERSCHMIDT

Lipstick Palm

The ladybug,
so red and bright,
was climbing on a sharp leaf.
It was so pointy,
it was like a knight's sword.
The ladybug saw a green, green frog,
very slimey.
Big green thorns surrounding the frog.
He was trapped.
The towering giant
trapped the frog to eat.

Scientist	Poet
Has ferns	A fairy's forest
Green	A hide-and-seek spot
Rough	
Mossy	

Scientist	Poet
Red-orange leaves	Red like a ladybug
Long	Leaves like a knight's sword
Thin	Green as a frog
Lines	It's as tall as a giant
Smooth	Leaves are big thrones.
Straight bumpy lines	
Tall	

CAITLIN BERRY

The great, old giant palm.

A mouth of dark, streaked
bamboo teeth.

Rotting out and painted with
cavities.

Long, spindly fingers
reaching out to uproot little
saplings.

Tall and gangly with glowering eyes.

An endless straw-like beard
of a true giant.

He is the grouchy man
that lives up on the hill
of the rainforest neighborhood.

Despite his hard heart and bones,
pointy emerald fingers and
flaring evil eyes,

everyone has a softness inside.

Even him.

Scientist	Poet
Hairy	Dark striped
Tannish	Bamboo like
Brown	Twigs stick out like rotten teeth
Leafy	A tall, gangly man glowering over you with an endless beard
Long leaves	
Green	Long, spindly fingers reach out to grab you

KIERA TAYLOR

Old Man Palm

Brown and furry

Bigfoot right there...

claws everywhere.

Imagining a cold, hard stare,
could get lost in the fur.

Old Man Palm

Scientist	Poet
Furry	Bigfoot
Brown	Handles
Twigs sticking out	Claws at the top
Long	Hiding in the thick fur
Tall	
Green leaves	
Sharp	

ANNA WARLEY

Ginko

A welcoming fairy house,
fun for hide-and-seek.
On a rainy day, the leaves are a
bug's umbrella.
This tiny tree's branches
shoot up like a rocket.
A sheltering tree with beautiful
green leaves.

Old Man Palm

An old hairy man who
has arms with fingers.
Large leaves would make
a good umbrella when it rains.
It looks like
Bigfoot's hairy leg.
Wiry-haired
Old Man.

Scientist	Poet
Red, green	Straw for a giant
Octopus legs	Fan for a giant
Pointing leaves	Lipstick for anyone.
Big	
Tall	

Scientist	Poet
Small	Fairy house
Leafy	Umbrella for a bug
Lots of branches	2 leaves put together make a butterfly
Whitish	Branches go up like a rocket
Green leaves	
Stands out	

Scientist	Poet
Fuzzy	Rotten tooth
Leafy	Bigfoot
Tan	
Green	
Hairy	
Stick out	

JENNY LIU

Lipstick Poem

Straw for a big giant
For some big ougy drink.
Giants are sweaty.
So why not give them a fan?
Giant lips are ugly, right?
So we give,
we give,
we give them
lipstick

The Forest of the Way Out Puzzles

By Caitlin Berry

"Bye, Mom," the thirteen year old twins said joyfully as they slowly stepped out of the car hugging their burgeoning camping gear on their backs.

"Did you pack your sunscreen?" their mom said.

"Yes," answered Anya.

"And what about sleeping bags?"

"Check," said Emily as she rolled her eyes.

"Oh, and what about..."

"Mom, we're fine," reasoned Emily. "We are only gone for two days."

"Well... you're right," she finished. "Goodbye girls."

With that she drove off into the distance.

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In The Meadows

By Joanna Harris

One fine morning, Jojo decided to take a walk in the meadows.

As she skipped along she noticed two butterflies flirting with each other. She ran and chased the butterflies, laughing joyfully. Then

Jojo discovered yellow, shiny dust floating in the air and on the

ground. She was determined to find out what this was and

followed the dust. Into the woods she went, following the dust,

following the dust, following the dust, following the dust, until she

encountered one fairy, two fairies, and then what seemed to be a

world of little fairies. She gasped. All of the fairies gathered

around Jojo and kept asking, "What is this thing?" Then Prilla all

of a sudden felt the need to bring Queen Clarion to the site.

Flying, flying, flying to the seventh level, Queen Clarion's level.

"Queen Clarion! I must show you something. It is an emergency,"

said Prilla frantically. "On my way, Prilla," Queen Clarion said.

And they entered the scene

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The Gnomes' Tree

By Carissa Unger

There was this tree that was just not any old tree. It was the tree of the gnomes. They had a dragon friend who guarded the tree so no one chopped it down. One day the dragon went out to look for some berries for the gnomes. Then one gnome said, "We already have berries." "But we don't have magic berries," said another. A giant came to the gnomes tree. He brought a magical giant cake to share. The giant lived in the clouds in a golden castle. The cake was mixed chocolate and vanilla. The dragon came back. He had cake too. And every fairytale creature came to the tree, even the royals, who almost never come to their tree.

Chloe and the Storm

By Shea Curran

Once there was a little mouse named Chloe. She lived in a weed patch with her mom, dad and younger brother James.

They were just having breakfast when they heard some thunder and rain. Chloe's mom went to see what it was. When she stepped outside she saw something fast and yellow coming toward their house! It was lightening! She was so scared and stunned that she fainted.

Chloe and her family heard and felt the lightning. Luckily no one got hurt. They all got outside as fast as they could... to be continued

The Amazing Ginger-Tailed Cat Sculpture

By Srijan Roy Choudhury

One day in a big fairy garden, a boy sat peacefully, looking at amazing sculptures made from bright green trees. The boy was very interested in looking at a ginger-tailed cat sculpture next to two cake sculptures, when he suddenly thought he saw the marvelous cat's tail twitch. The boy blinked. Then he just guessed that his imagination was trying to trick him. The boy was about to take a bite of the peanut butter sandwich that his mom had packed him, when suddenly the cat gave one giant leap and snatched the peanut butter sandwich from the boy's hand and ate it in one big gulp!

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Long Lost King

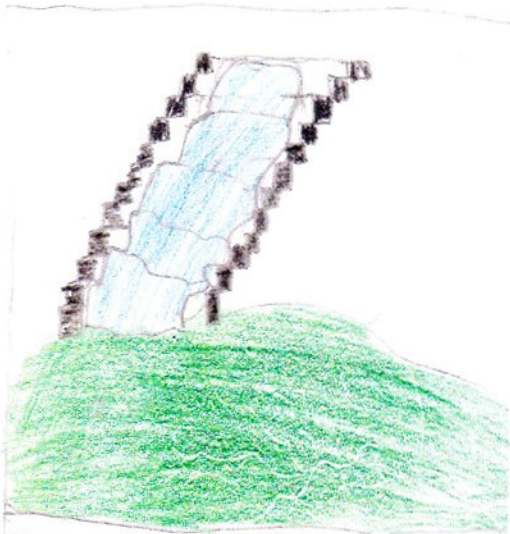
Part 1

By Elijah Neal

He was going to Millwood for a walk when he spotted a funny looking bush. He walked closer and spotted a button. "What in the world is this?" he said. He pushed the button and suddenly a fountain appeared. He said "I need to go to the doctors!" Suddenly water comes from behind him, pushing him into the fountain. Instead of hitting the bottom he falls into an underwater tunnel. Surprisingly, he can still breathe. When he comes out at Atlantis he can't believe his eyes. He starts swimming because he knows that Atlantis has an air dome. It looks like a clear bowling ball, but it was a dome. He was swimming when all of a sudden something golden caught his eye.

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See if you can match the riddles to the field notes on each page.



Foaming water is rushing down a few rocks. There are ducks swimming in the lake. greenish water flows down the waterfall.

Seymour

I am violet -
I am a flower

I have a thick
stem
What am I?

Ultra Violet flower



• Gentle pointed cups
• Blooming beautiful trees
Devon

I am flowing. I am
foaming. I am rushing down rocks
What am I?

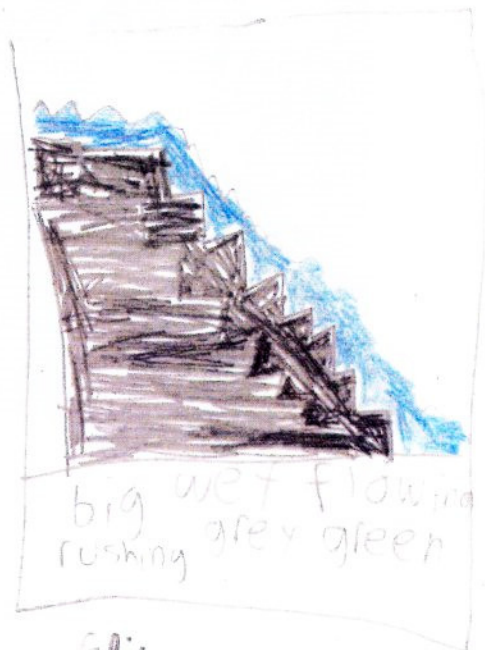
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Santa Cruz
Water-Platter



Elijah

Mountain



Elijah

I am big wet
rushing and
flowing
what am I?

I am green, big, circular,
related to the
royal water platter
and part of the
wild family
what am I?

July 27, 2017

Dear Tree,
Thank you for giving me
shelter and a place to sleep
and eat. Thank you for letting me
climb your branches and see the world
from way up high.

From,
The Squirrel

July 27, 2017

Dear Ant,
Sorry for killing your family.
And sorry for destroying your ant mounds.
How long does it take to eat grass?
How fat is the mother aunt?

From,
The Ant Eater

July 27, 2017

Dear Tree,
We are very disappointed in you.
We have only lived in you for 4 months
and already we want to leave.
You have creaky doors that always
wake the baby! You also have smelly
bathrooms. There are rats in the basement,
and there are no shower heads! Your branches
are too thin! 3 of my kids have fallen
and then we had hospital trips.
I don't know what you were thinking,
wanting to be a house.

From,
Your very disappointed guests,
The Fairy Family

July 27, 2017

Dear Tree,
Thank you for giving us a home.
We can find food around your roots,
and we are covered from the rain.
You provided homes for us birds. You
give us a great source of air.
Everyday, we will be thankful
for your generosity to us.

From,
The Birds