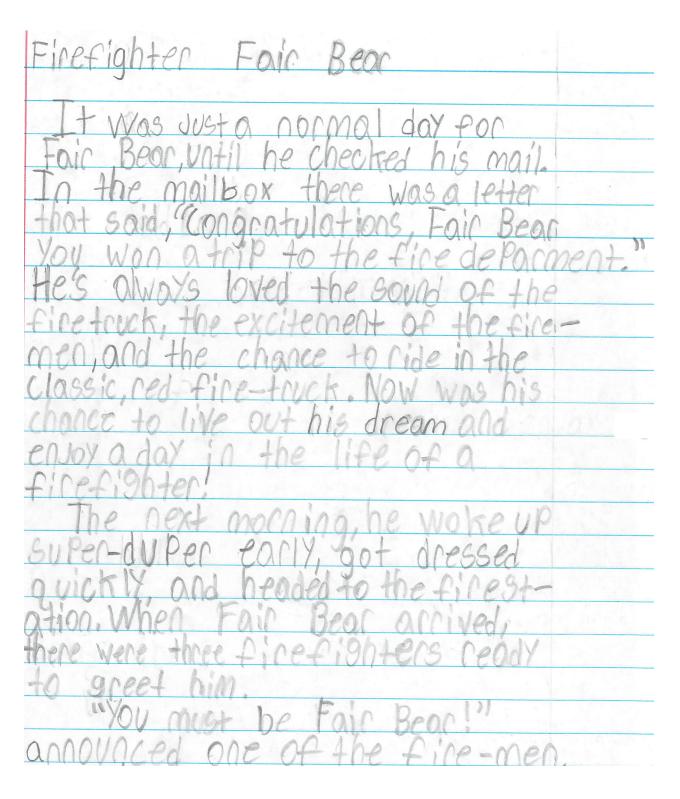


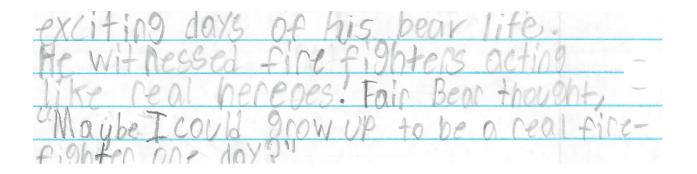
First Place 5th Grade Simeon Sturrup Thomas County Middle School, Thomasville Thomas County School System

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reporting for duty!" Fair Bear exclaimed. exclaimed. Fair Bear and the three fireighters began to walk around, he was amazed by all the equipment. He saw axes, gasmasks, long fire hoses, laddens, and of course an enormous Sleek, red fire fruct. The last thing he noticed was a shiny fire fighter Pole at the very center of station. Then all of a sudden, he heard the sirens blare ! It was now the firefighters time to shine! The fire Fighters bedon to run about and conject their equipment. They pulled on thick pants and their suits with a flash. One of the firefighters invited Fair Bear to come along to help fight the fire. Fai was anazed, but also a little scared. However, Fair, Bear, got on the massive fire fruck, Luckily, Fair Bear SPOT in the VERY front of Secured a the truck by the firs chief. As Fair Bear rode along be Saw thick smoke like an enormous onster arising from the city. The

As Fair Bear rode along he sow thick smoke like an enormous monster arising from the city. The fire truck was detting closer to the smoke. It was zipping through traffic and going around cars as the siren wailed Out of nowhere, the fire truck came to a complete Stop. Fair Bear could now see the towering flagges of the fire. All of the fire-men jumped out of the truck, anabbed their hoses and Started SPraying. Meanwhile, other fire fighters Pan into the building to rescue. anyone trapped. In Fair, Bears opinion he had the best job! He got to limb to the top of truck, and cay the big water capazo on e flomes of the fire. A Ftpp ittle while, the fire began to calm own and evenone was finally SOFP he packed up their e uidmentand begaded back to the Station. back at the Station, Fair Bear Said his good byes and headed to home. Fair Bear was Exhausted rom his day as a fire-fighter. + Was one of the most





Second Place 5th Grade Riley Jones Byron Elementary School, Byron Peach County School System

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n like he did the trees in the forest. The firewomen put Fair Bear on top of the firetruck, with a special net they made for him that could withstand him pushling against it. With one last wave, the alar-Im sounded and they were off.

Fair Bear's silky, black, fup was flying in every direction as the firetpyck twisted and turned around the road. Fair Bear was so excited to go rescue someone from a fire. Finally, they arrived at the house, which looked like a giant fireplace with roaring fires inside.

Fair Bear grubbed the hose and threw the front to one of the firemen who caught it, and used his special pentagonal wrench to twist the value on the fire hydrant off and plugged in the hose. Fair Bear watched as water shet out of the hose towards the burning house. Other firemen asked the owners of the house if they were okay. But, they were freaking out because their little dog was still inside. But before onyone could do anything. Fair Bear charged at the door and a wave of heat burst out at Fair Bear.

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Third Place 5th Grade Blakelee Evans East Laurens Elementary School, East Dublin Laurens County School System

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Fair Bear's Adventure at the Fire Department "The Day is here!" as I excitely hopped out of bed. One special person in my class was picked to visit the local fire department today, me! I had been waiting for this day for weeks! After got ready, I shipped to the fire department with my permission slip. When I got there, I was greeted by a polite firefighter."Hello! You must be Fair Bear," he said as he welcomed me. "That's me!" I replied enthysiastically. "Nice o meet you, Fair Bear, I'm Joe, "he said,

introducing himself. "Nice to meet you, too!" I responded Kindly. "Would you like me to show you around the station?" he asked. "That would be great!" I said with delight. First, he showed me where they hang out when they are not on a call. There were some couches and a TV as well as a kitchen with some delicious snacks. In addition, they had a variety of board games. They even had a bathroom with a shower! I didn't know they had all these extra amenities. Also, they had a separate room with beds for when they had to stay overnight "This place is fancy," I thought to myself. Next, they showed me the polished, bright red trucks.

"Would you like to go inside the cab?" Joe asked me." I would love to!" I replied happily. Just when I hopped out, a very loud alarm sounded. "What does that mean?" I asked Joe. as he was quickly putting his gear on. "This means there is a fire in the area," he replied calmly." AHHH! I screamed paniching." Just stay calm and hop in the truck, " Joe's partner, Mark, told me. "Othay, just stay calm and-WHAT? I'M GOING WITH YALL?" I screamed while realizing what. Mark had just said. I looked around and all the firefighter were busy dressing for the fire. I knew I needed to do the same! Just then, Joe calmly handed me a suit just my size, and we all climbed into the fire truck.

As soon as we got to the fire, everybody started unloading out of the truck. "AmI. supposed to get out?" I asked confusedly. "I don't think you can come in the building with us, but you can help us unload our tools, "Joe told me. "In fact, I need somebody to help me hook up this water hose to the fire hydrant, he said. "Fair Bear, can you help us do it?" Mark asked. "It would be my pleasure." I said excitedly. After we put out the fire, we got back in the firetruck and headed back to the station." You did such a good job

today! the firefighters should. After the excitement settled down, I was thinking about how great it was to be a firefighter Being able to help people in need would be a huge honor, so I hope to be just like Joe! As I walked out the door, I was hoping I could come back and 'help again one day!