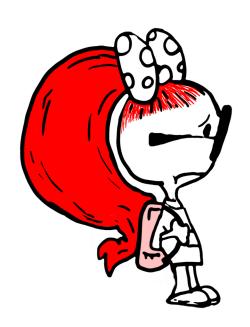
## ELLIE



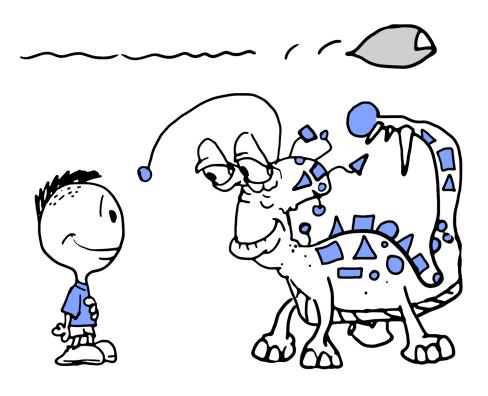
Everyone's back from summer vacation but Ellie is sad. Read on to find out why.



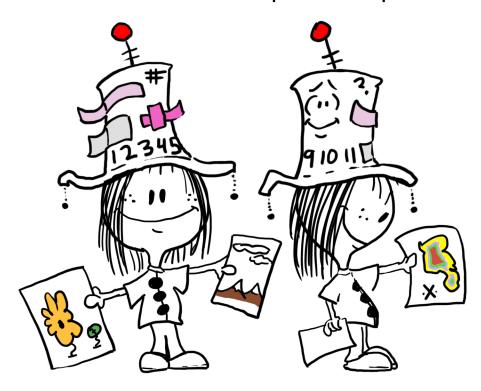
School's back in session and sad is how Ellie does feel. She thinks everyone's summer stories are more exciting than hers. Her feelings are very real.



Billy searched the summer skies for a spaceship with an alien therein. He was hoping for a new kind of pet. One with blue shapes on it's skin.



Betty was in camp all summer. She did hobbies and crafts. Flowers and clouds were her favorites. She even made a couple of maps.

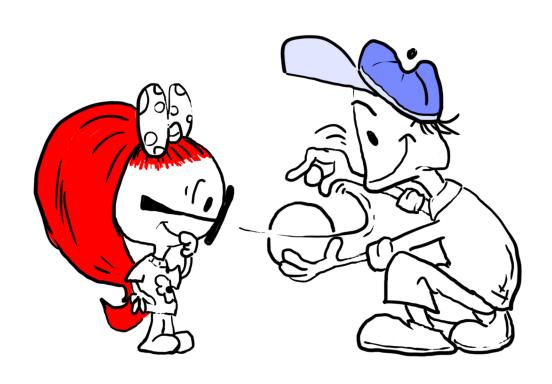


So, what did you do all summer? asked Tamilin Mary McTide. Ellie felt so emarrassed to answer that she wanted to just run and hide.





## My Dad and I talked about science a lot.



## Butterfly watching and reading some prose.



## Hiking and writing with Mom.



She even sneezed a feather right out of her nose.



It dawned on Ellie as she finished her say that everyone's stories were different and good.

And it's OK that way.



And she liked knowing that not only did she need to be fair to everyone else but she also needed to be fair to herself. And second grade is going to be a good year.

