

What's The Missing Piece
From The Mural?

YOU!

Hawaiian Monk Seal Project
Mrs. Foyle's Fourth Graders
Kahakai Elementary School
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

2015



This Project is dedicated to

Auntie Paulette Smith

for emotionally connecting our keiki to the monk seals

Ms. Susun Gallery

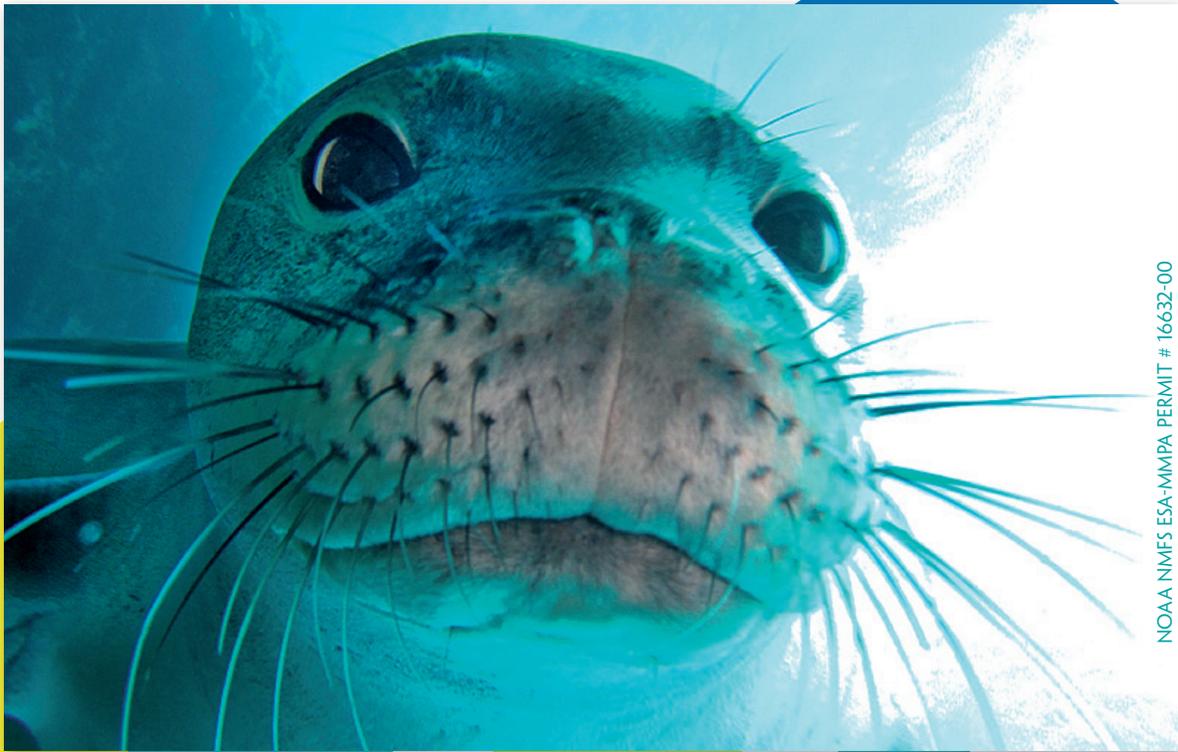
For inspiring us to blend colors
and have fun

And especially to our beloved teacher

Mrs. Tracy Foyle

for teaching both our minds and our hearts





Introduction

The mural you're looking at and the poems you're about to read were created by fourth graders in Mrs. Tracy Foyle's Class at Kahakai Elementary School in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, in March 2015.

This endeavor began with a classroom presentation by a West Hawaii Marine Mammal Response Network volunteer who wanted to educate the keiki to save the Hawaiian Monk Seal from extinction.

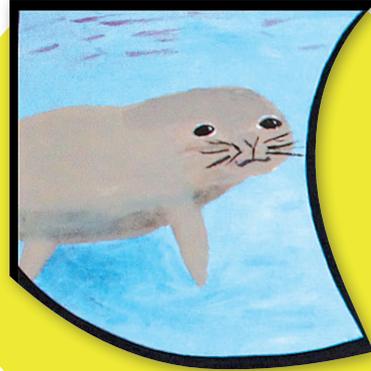
Paintings To Poems



Each painting
and poem was inspired
by a photograph.

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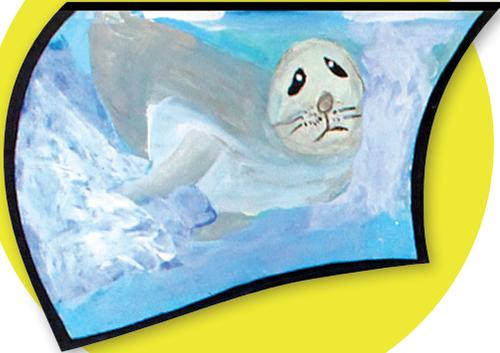
I'm a Hawaiian Monk Seal.
I know that I am cute.
But please leave me alone,
on the beach to rest.
Please pick up your trash,
because there are only a few of me.
It would be sad if you never got to see me again.



Jasmin Isidro

2

I love the way you look at me.
Your eyes light up
like the blue, blue sea.
You swim like the mermaid of the sea.
Everyone likes you, even me.
I wish you could come home with me,
but my habitat is the sea.
I hope you come back soon,
to visit me.



Lina Amor

3

My number is 3,
please take care of me.
I ask that you stay at least
150 feet away.
If I swim by you,
don't put your fishing
line in the water.
I know I'm cute but
I'm not meant to play with you.
Help me not become extinct.



Caydenn Bermoro

4

I'm in the Hawaiian Monk Seal Hospital.
It's a place for sick seals.
I would rather be swimming in the beautiful sea.
Next time you see a sick monk seal, think of me.
Call for help and save me.



Peyton Winkel

5

I like swimming in the magnificent,
loving sea.
free and happy as a busy bee.
So please don't play with me.
I don't know what to do
when I'm near you.
If I hurt you I'll have to flee
and not be a part of your family.



Taylor Bear

6

Look into the deep blue sea,
if you're lucky, you'll find me.
Swimming in the ocean lights,
playing, happy and bright.
Your motorboat will give me a fright,
if you respect me, it's all right.
Trust my eyes big and
bold. My smile I will hold.
Clean up the beach
after yourself,
to help me regain my delicate health.
If you see me do not touch,
that will help me very much.



Cody Kahalamu

7

Please don't hurt me
and feed me.
I don't know how to play with you.
It's not my fault.
I wouldn't mean to bite,
or hit you with my body.
So leave me alone or
I will have to go away.



CJ Bruno

8

I live in the Hawaiian waters.
I like it when you look at me.
So please protect me or I'll
have to flee and wouldn't be
part of your family.



Harrison Boerner

9

I live in the sea,
I want you to look at me.
Please take care of me,
and fight for me.
I want to remain free.
Pick up your trash in a dash,
I need to rest in peace.
Never throw rocks at me
or I won't come back.

Paul Wong



10

I live in the sea.
We are really near,
so come and save me, but don't touch me.
What you have to do is just let me do
what I do best, play and sleep.
Just don't leave your trash,
so I won't eat it.
Don't leave your fishing line on the beach.
I just might eat it too.
I need your help, so I won't become
Extinct.

Kekai Posolda



11

I love the way you look at me,
especially under the deep blue sea.
The next time you see me,
Don't touch or feed me.
Just let me watch you,
As you watch me.

Stefani Perez



12

I am a Hawaiian Monk Seal
from Hawai'i's beautiful shores.
I need for you to ignore me
When you see me lying
On the warm, warm shore.
Don't throw your trash at me
or I'll think it's food and eat it.
Please take care of me and our
beautiful Hawai'i.

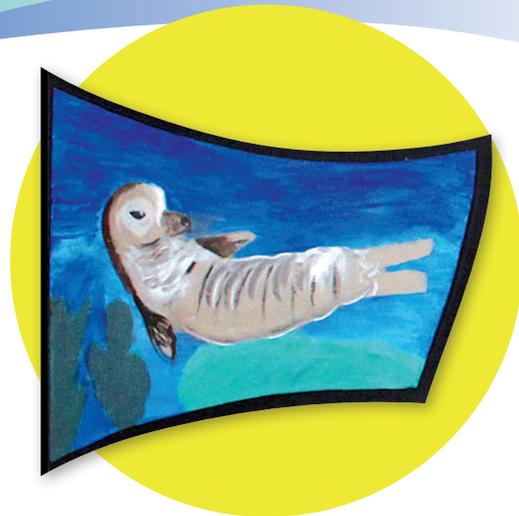
Stephanie Bunglick



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Las focas son libres pero no
debemos hacer nada con ellas porque
nos lastimarian o nos atacarian asi que
lo mejor es dejarlas en pas y
que vivan su vida.

Giselle Ibarra



14

I'm number 14 look into my eyes.
What do you see?
I'm not a criminal,
So why do I flee?
Let me sleep, let me dry,
Just let me lay and I'll be fine.
So leave me be—please.
If you help me I will stay.
From a distance I can play.
But for now please help
keep people away from me.
If they forget just have them
Look into my eyes.

Kilikikopa Mikelson



15

I really want to play with you,
But I can't because I don't know how to.
I might bite and push you by mistake,
because you remind me of bait.
Just watch me from afar.
Knowing I'm watching too.

Ranson Esau



16

Hey! That's YOU!



17

Don't throw your trash at me.
Pick it up, even if it's not yours.
If you see me at the beach
Sunning relaxing, and myself
Don't touch, play or try and get my attention.
You will scare me back into the water,
while I'm still tired.



Johan Grotnes

18

If you see me next time you're at the sea,
Please just let me be me.
I need to tell you important things,
Like don't play with me, swim with me or feed me.
If you do, I might harm you not meaning to.
If I can't find food and I go looking for you, I'll be sad,
because I've forgotten how to find it myself.
So please let me be me
at the sea.



Coby Molina

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I love the way
you watch me swim,
in the
deep blue sea.
I need your help,
so please don't
throw your trash into
my sea.
Carry on
caring for me.

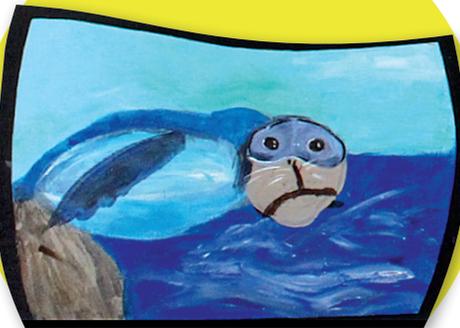
Bella Gray



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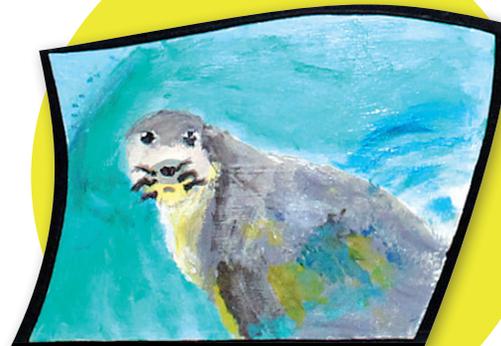
Las focas deberían ser libres
en el Hawaii porque ellas son bonitas.
Tods las deberían dejar en pas.

Ivan Alazan



21

I'm a baby Hawaiian Monk Seal.
My mommy ran away because humans
kept throwing rocks at her.
Now I am alone.
Please help me by picking up trash,
using barbless hooks,
don't feed me and never, ever touch me.
Don't leave your fishing lines on the sand
and in the water.
Love me from afar,
And I'll be around for a long time.



Brooke Aragon

22

I'm a Hawaiian Monk Seal from Hawai'i's blue sea.
If you see me swimming, please don't touch, feed or swim with me.
I know I'm cute, but just let me be.
Quiet, discoverer, wild and FREE.



Maya Givensel

23

I am a little Hawaiian Monk Seal,
trying to survive.
So let me do my thing, to regain my pride.
Don't touch me, don't feed me, don't play
or go near me.
It's not that I don't like you,
It's just we are different.
That makes us both very special.



Andrey Sawinski

24

My painting is the last to see.
I hope you've learned how
to care for me.
Our message
is quite clear you see.
Love and Respect
for all creatures
of the Sea.



Pilialoha Amina

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