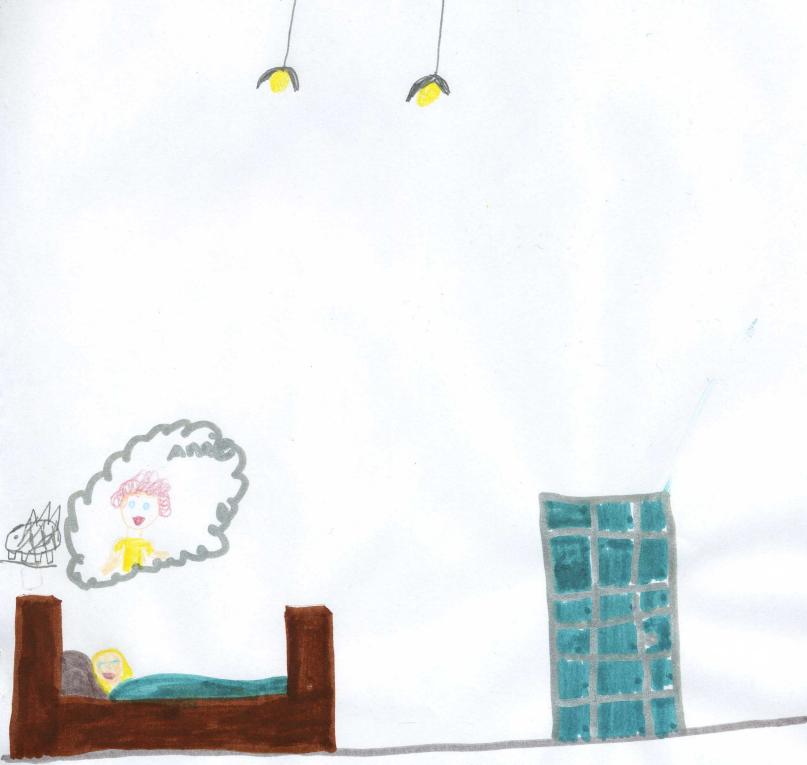
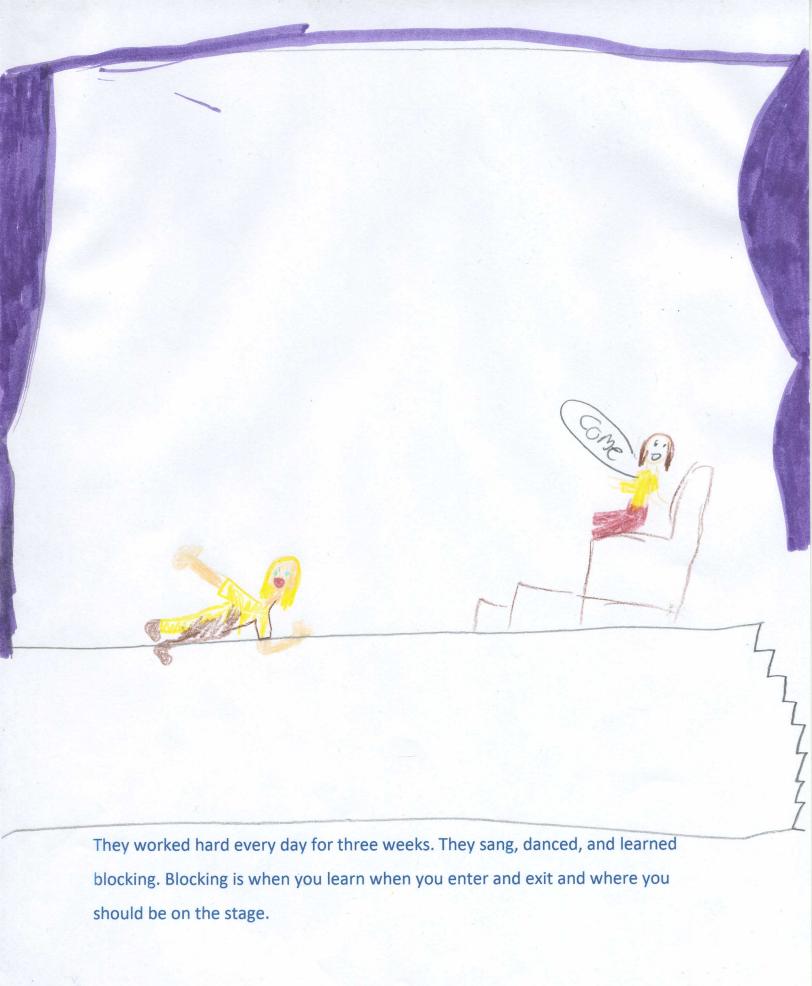
VA oun d e



One day a little girl signed up for a play at The Community House. Her name was Ava and she was eight years old. The play was Annie! It was her first play and she was excited. That night she dreamed about who she was going to be in the play.



She had auditioned two days before and couldn't stop thinking about it. When she got to The Community House the next morning, she found out her part. She was Sandy! She loved her part and playing Sandy the dog, but she really didn't like her costume. It looked like a fuzzy person shaped rag.



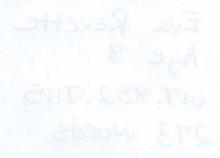




The night before the show, Ava was so scared. The next day she struggled into her costume and stumbled backstage.

The director named Lily called, "is everyone in their places?" "No," said Ava. "I'm scared."

"I know you are. It's your first play," the director replied. "Everyone is scared on the day of the show, but they do not give up and fear is just a reason to try harder. Besides, you won't be alone. You'll have all of your friends on stage with you and I'll be right here. Now go and have fun!"





The play was great and Ava played the part of Sandy perfectly. The cast took their bows and after they cleaned up they had a cast party.

It was the best day ever!

