

ALIDA Art Contest Entrants For
Grades 3 to 7

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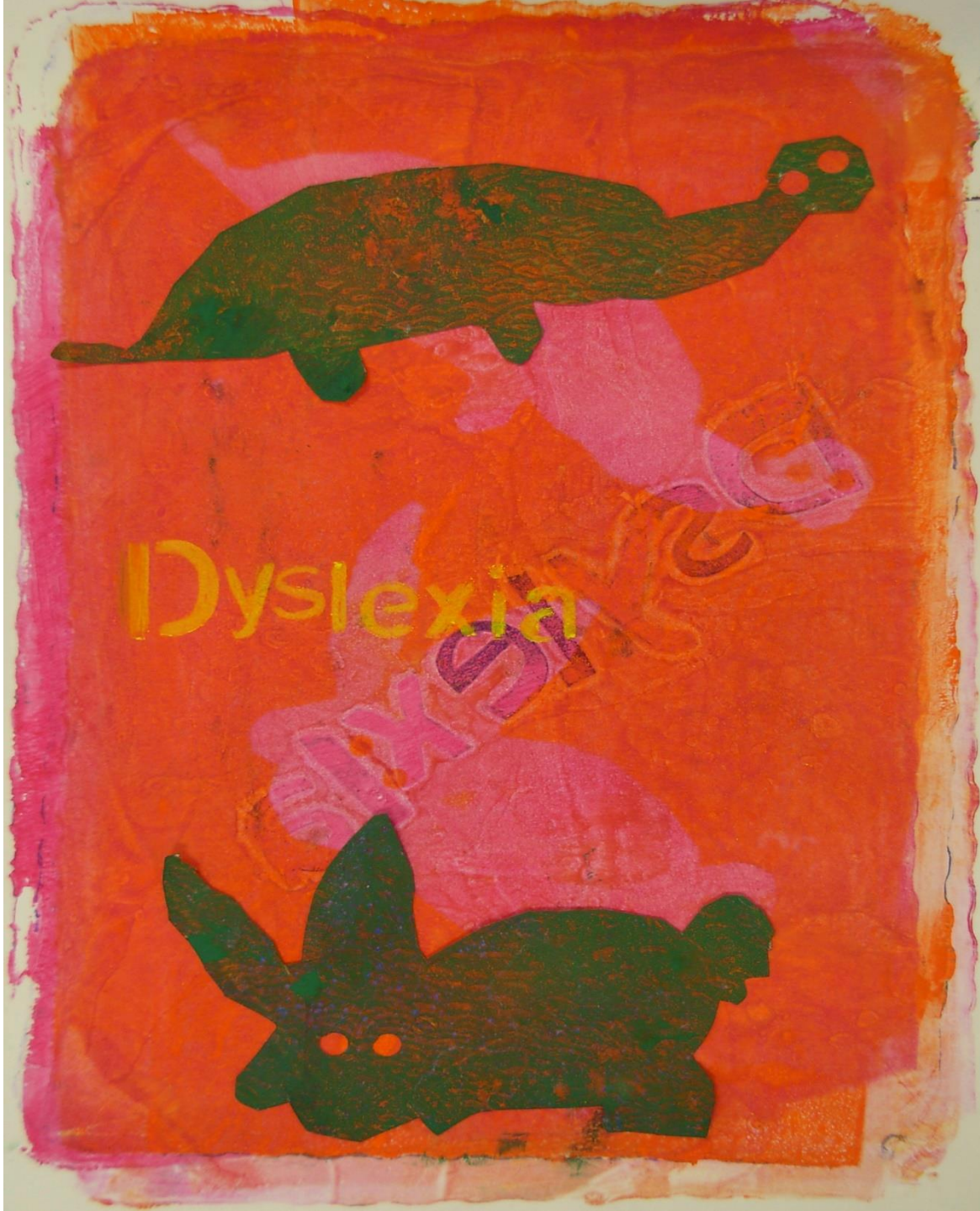
Dyslexia is like a lot of dots bouncing around in your head. There are holes in your neuron system that don't work sometimes. The circles without dots are the neurons that are working correctly. The circles with holes are neuron systems that are not working correctly. My picture shows that with dyslexia, things get discombobulate.



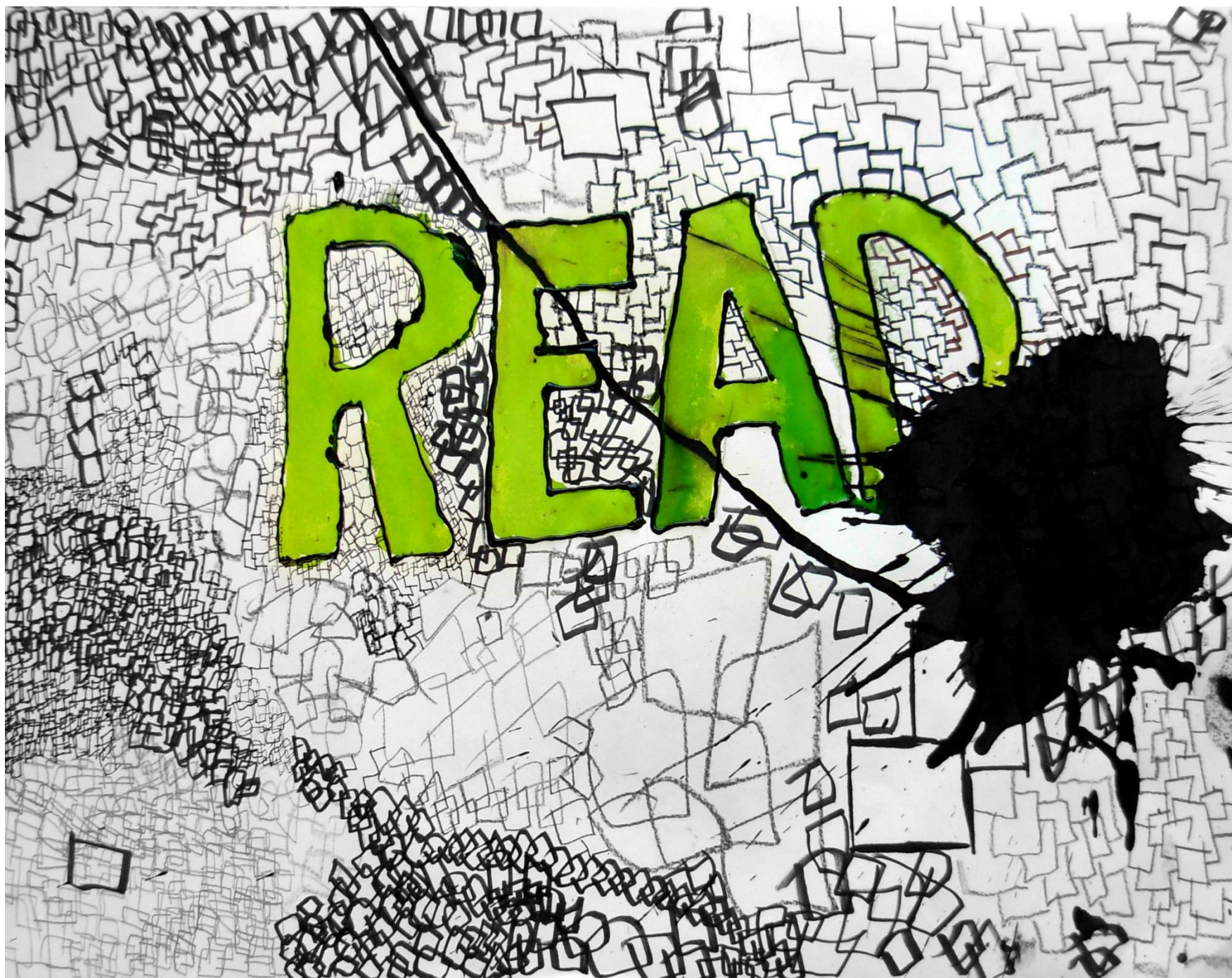
My artwork submission shows how my brain is strong at math, oral expression, and artistic abilities. My challenges are spelling, written expression, forgetfulness, and clumsiness. Dyslexia has brought me many struggles but it has also brought me many blessings. I don't mind having dyslexia. I think it is a special part of my personality.

I am in the black and white picture I was struggling to read. There were no books that I could find that I wanted to read. I kept practicing. Then I was reading and I was happy because I find books that I want to read. Now I can read really fast and do not struggle to read.





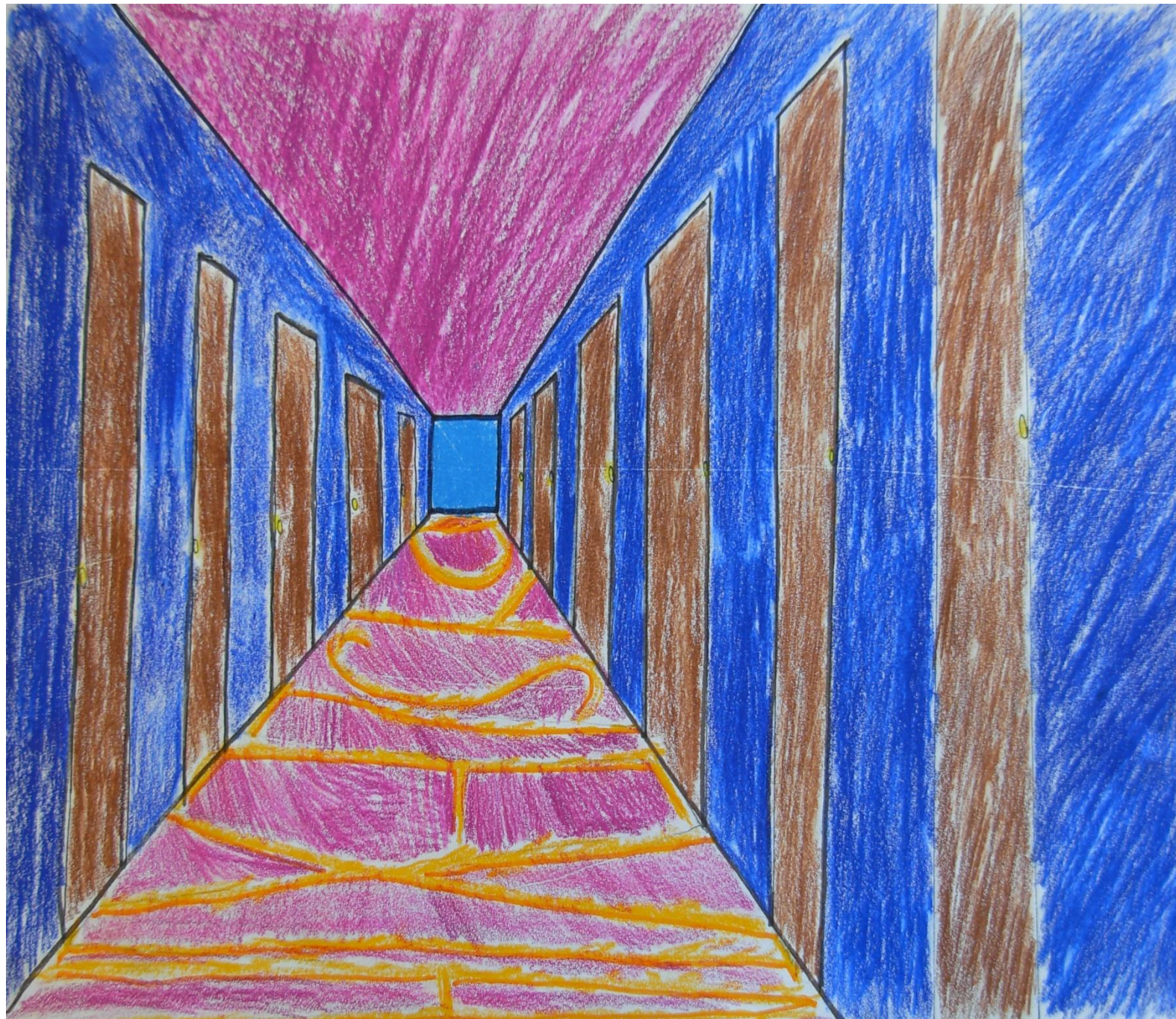
I am like the dyslexia rabbit because I am fast. I tried to read and gave up. I tried again and failed. I tried over and over and failed again. But I am like the determined Turtle because I keep trying. Now I can read.



Sometimes when I read it's hard for me to see and process all of the letters in the words. This is because of my dyslexia. From far away my drawing looks blurry. But if you look close, you see the individual pieces. With dyslexia, I have to train my mind to see all the little pieces of the words.

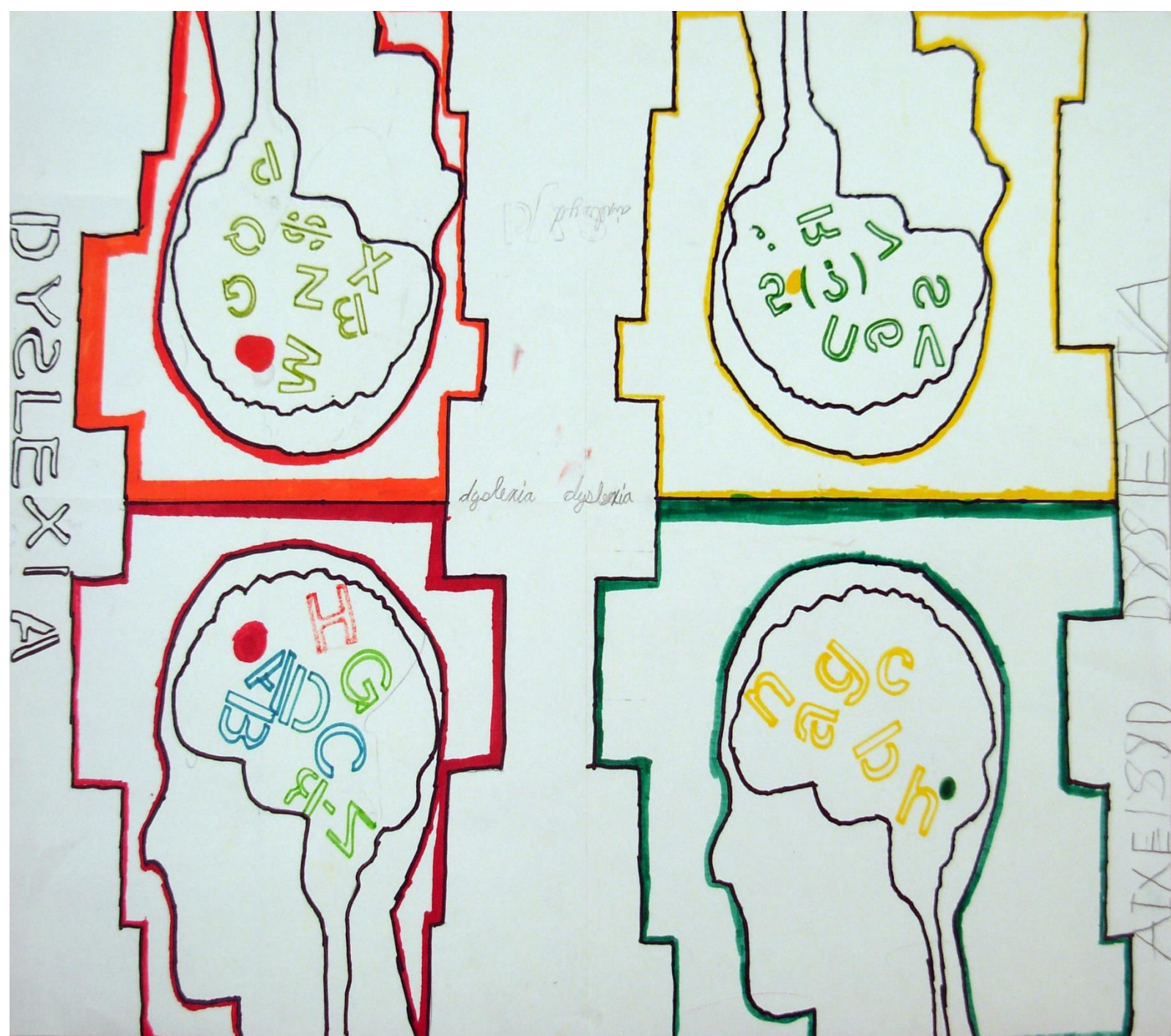
I'm drowning in the
darkness and I'm trying
to get out but it's too hard.
Dyslexia makes me confused.

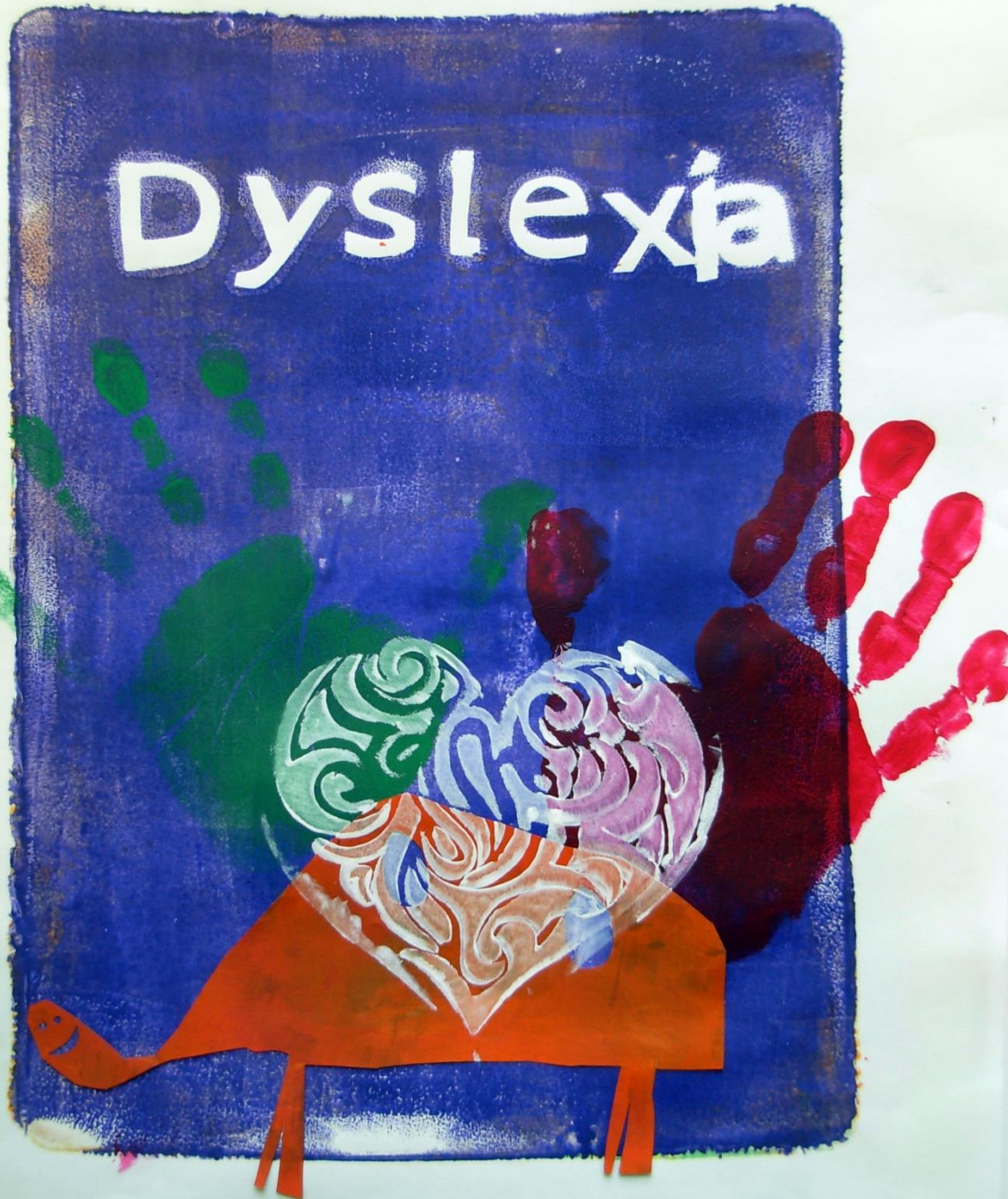




Dyslexia for me is like a long hallway with no way out. Every door is locked. The doors go to rooms that I can't open up. I wish I had the keys to these doors. Wish it was easy to open them.

Sometimes letters are jumbled up in my brain and it affects me a lot. It affects me most in reading because the letters are turned around. In my drawing, each dot in a brain on shows where I have dyslexia. In places on my drawings the letters are backwards and dyslexia is spelled backwards to show how things are turned around in my brain.





On one hand dyslexia is good. On the other hand it is bad. On the good side it let me come to Greengate, made me feel special, and made me become stronger. On the bad, side sadly, people at my old school made fun of me because I was so slow. When my Nana was little her mom said, she loved her all the time which made her embarrassed. So they came up with the codename turtle for I love you. Therefore, the turtle on the painting means love for my dyslexia.

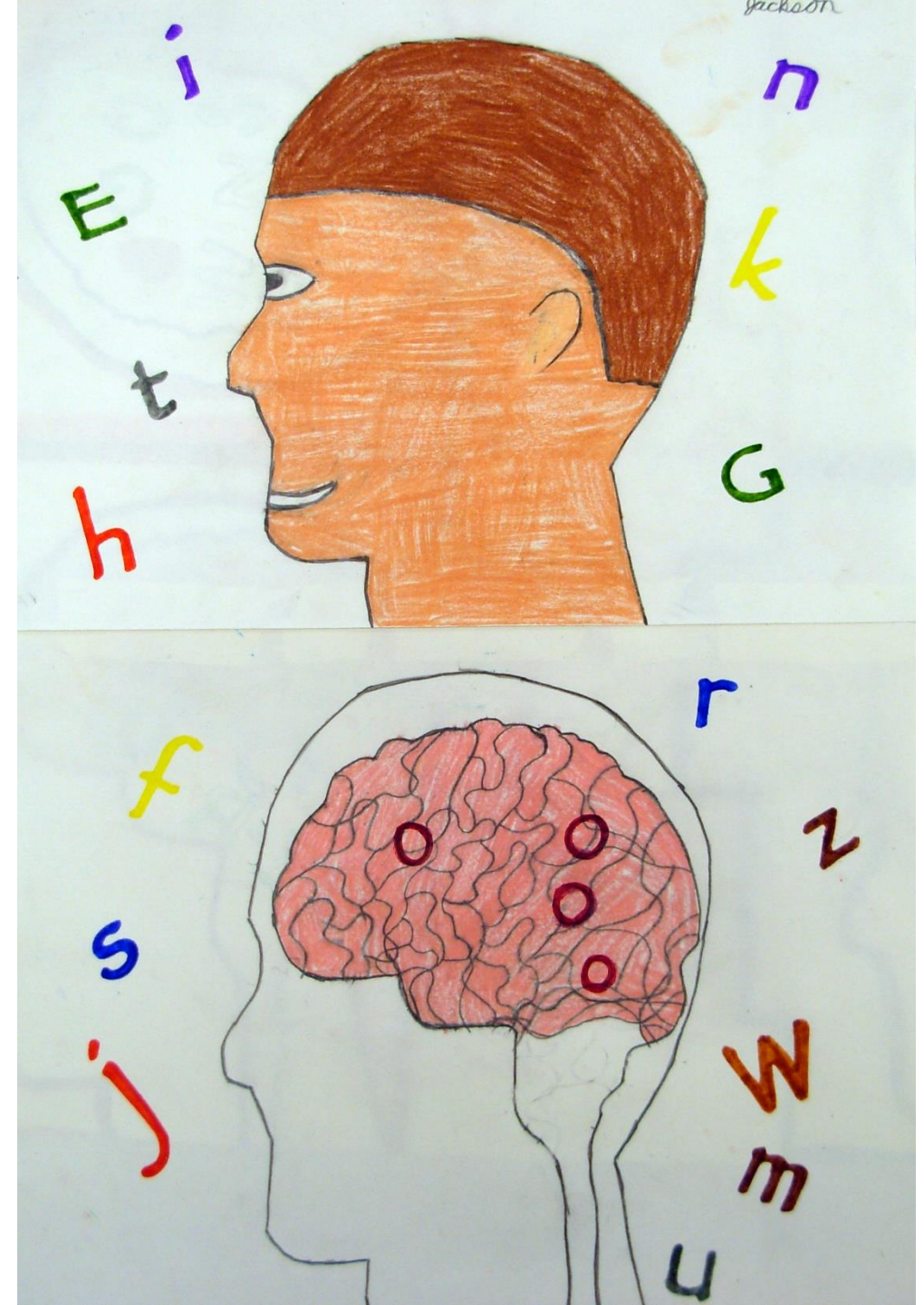


This pegasus named Nicole is flying
in the air. The girl name is Emily.
They love to touch the clouds.
I want to touch the clouds too.



This picture is about my battle with dyslexia. Fighting dyslexia is like fighting a battle. Greengate School is like my armor and shield in the battle between me and dyslexia. Without the shield, dyslexia hurts and can beat me down, but with the shield I can fight it.

Dyslexia affects me with reading and spelling and understanding my reading. In my art I want to show where dyslexia happens in my brain, and how it affects me. The red circles are where the dyslexia causes me to have trouble with reading and spelling. I am happy because if I didn't know that I have dyslexia, I wouldn't have come to Greengate School for help. I am happy I came to Greengate School.





small vs. BIG

The small side of his brain is trying to focus, but it is all in black and white. But the other BIG creative side, is trying to take over the small part by making everything else colorful!

He can't see the board for his creativity. All of his drawings are coming to life and he is focusing on the artwork and it is getting in the way of his school work.

Monkeys are kind of wild and crazy.
Dyslexia makes my mind feel kind of wild
and crazy sometimes. At my school,
Greengate, teachers help me to focus
better on my work and not worry about
trying to finish faster than my classmates.



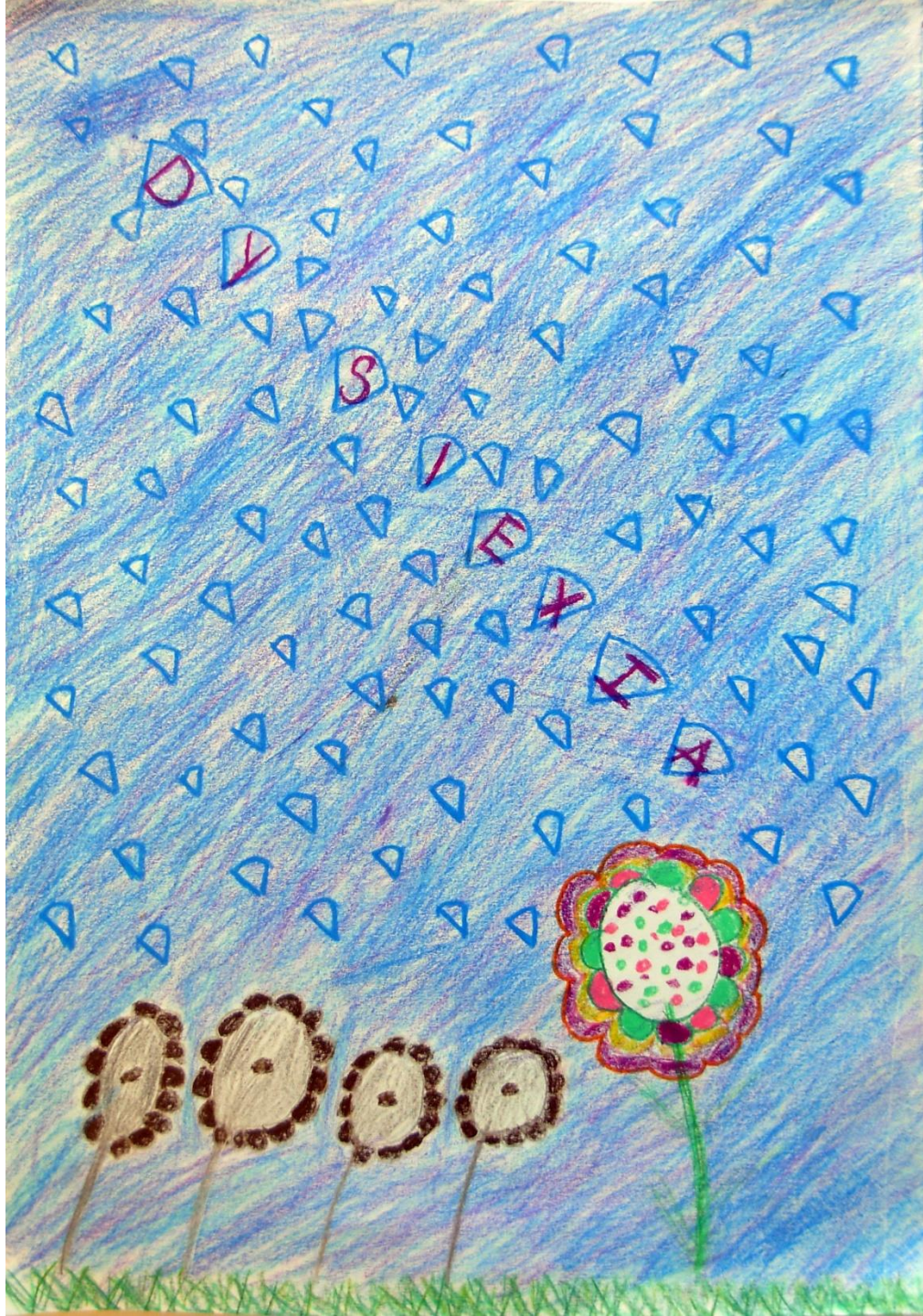


Dyslexia makes reading words hard and very confusing, but for me, it makes art and painting fun and I feel creative. I painted a bunny because I love animals and painting animals is my favorite kind of art!

My picture is about a horse that has dyslexia and has trouble jumping. The horse and I have trouble focusing. The horse has trouble focusing on the jump. I have trouble focusing in school. So the horse needs to practice more to learn how to jump. I pull myself out of my thoughts and shake my head and listen to stay on task. This is how I stay focus and don't get in trouble. This is how dyslexia affects me!







This drawing represents how I feel about my dyslexia. The big flower is pretty and colorful and the others are not colorful. The big flower makes me feel good about my dyslexia because as the rain falls on it, it becomes powerful. This flower is special and unique. I am proud to have dyslexia.