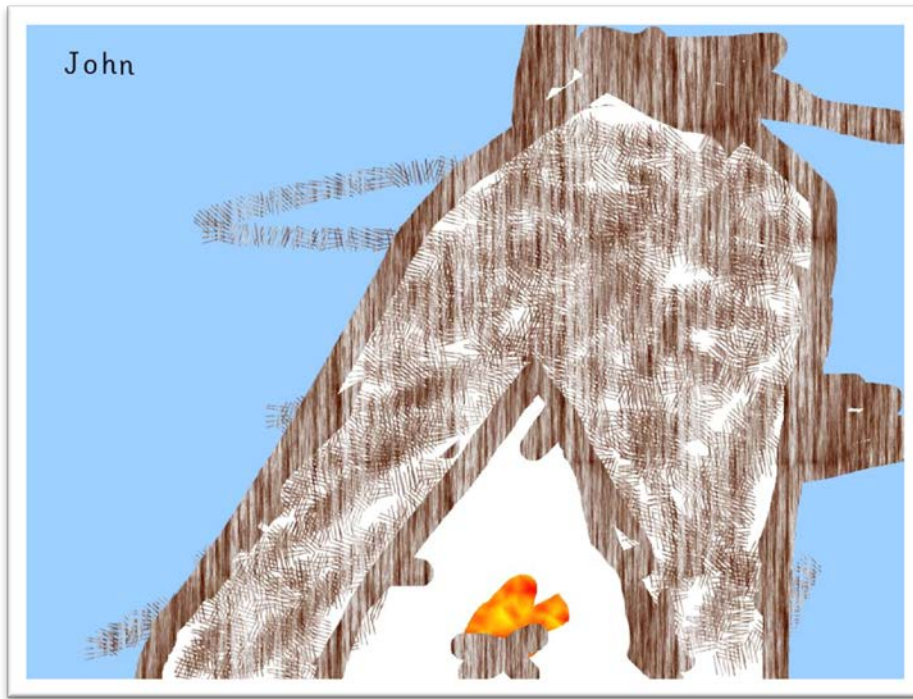


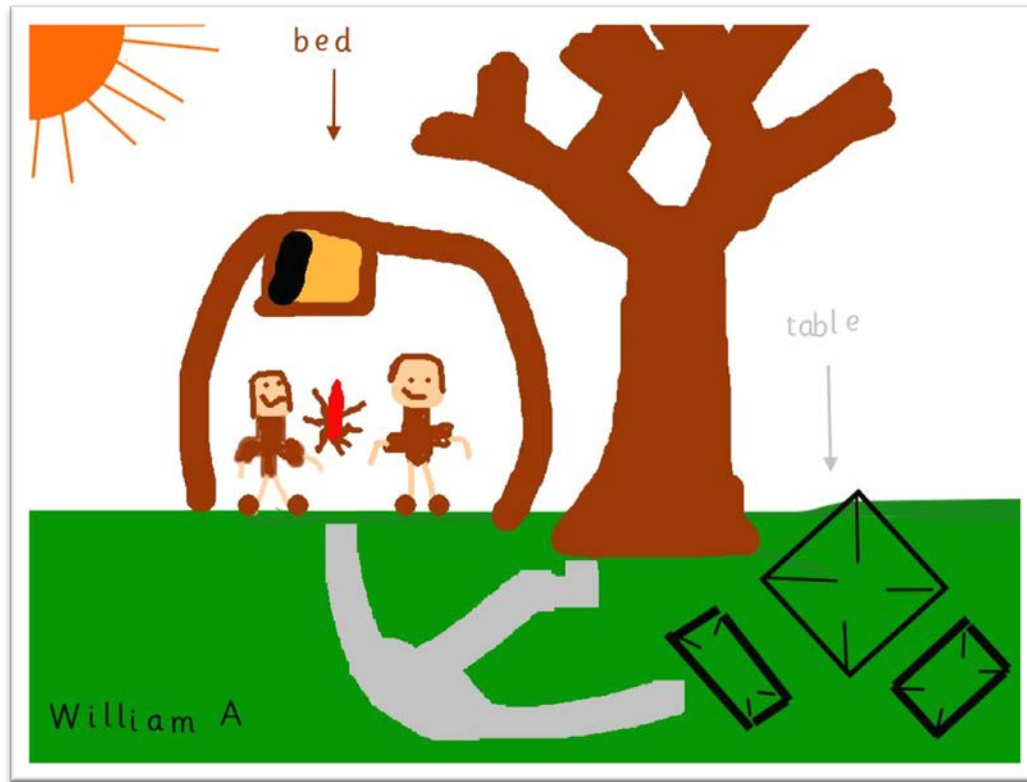
A Day in the Life of Strong Hawk from the Wampanoag Tribe

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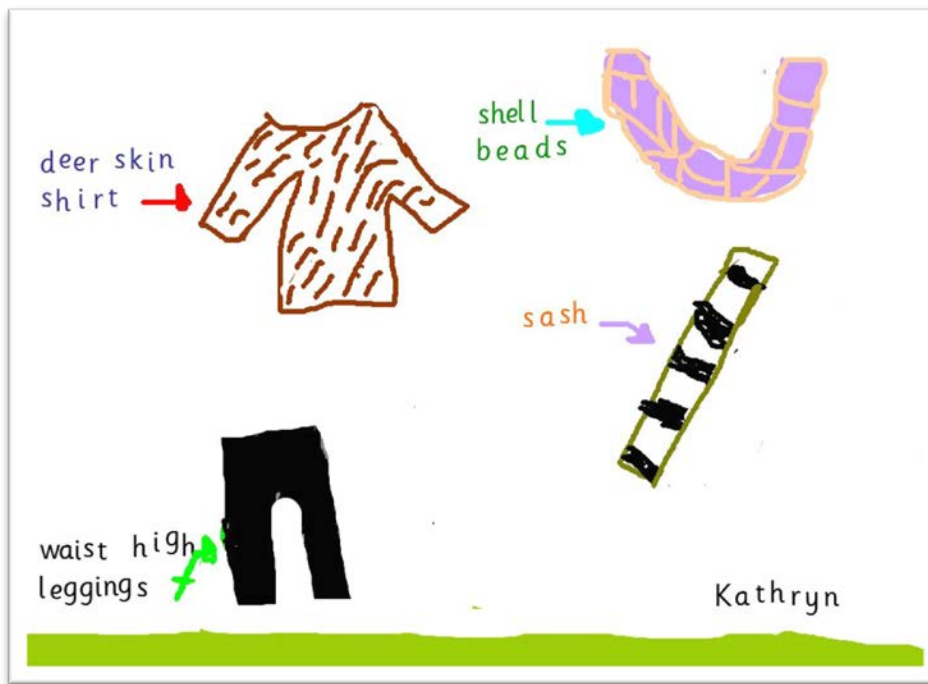
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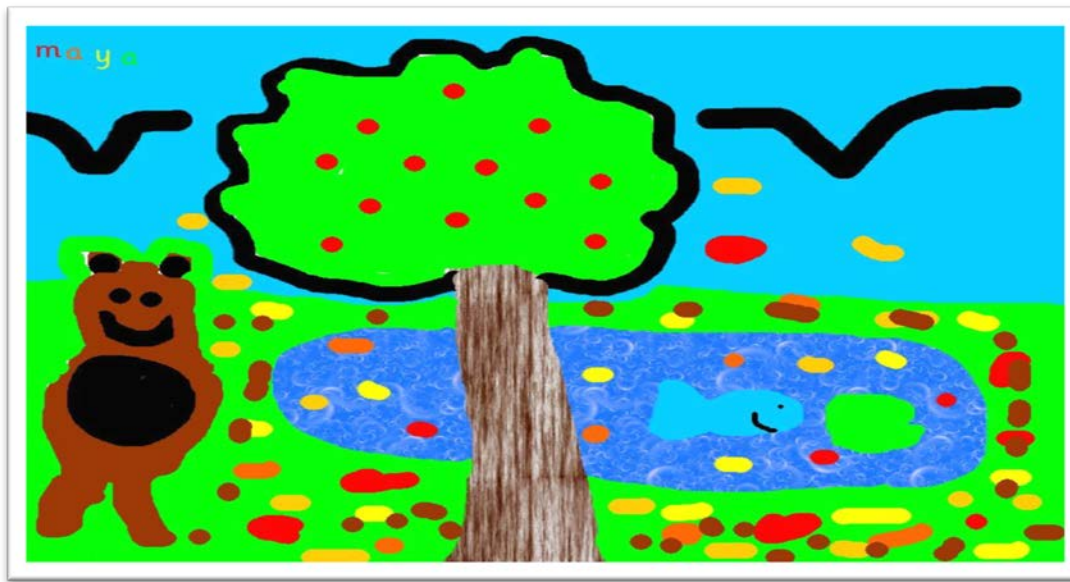
My name is Strong Hawk and I'm a member of the Wampanoag tribe. We live close to the Atlantic Ocean where Rhode Island is. In the winter it's cold and snowy and in the summer it's warm, rainy, and sometimes it's humid. There are lots of mountains, rivers, lakes, and also cliffs along the coast. It's a great place to live and hunt because there are lots of animals. I really like that there are a lot of forests here.



One fall morning I woke up in my longhouse. I live here with 5 other families. It is a narrow, long rectangle with a rounded top. It is made of a sapling frame covered with tree bark. It's dark inside because there are no windows but there are smoke holes on the top. There are benches around the sides and fire pits in the middle that we share.



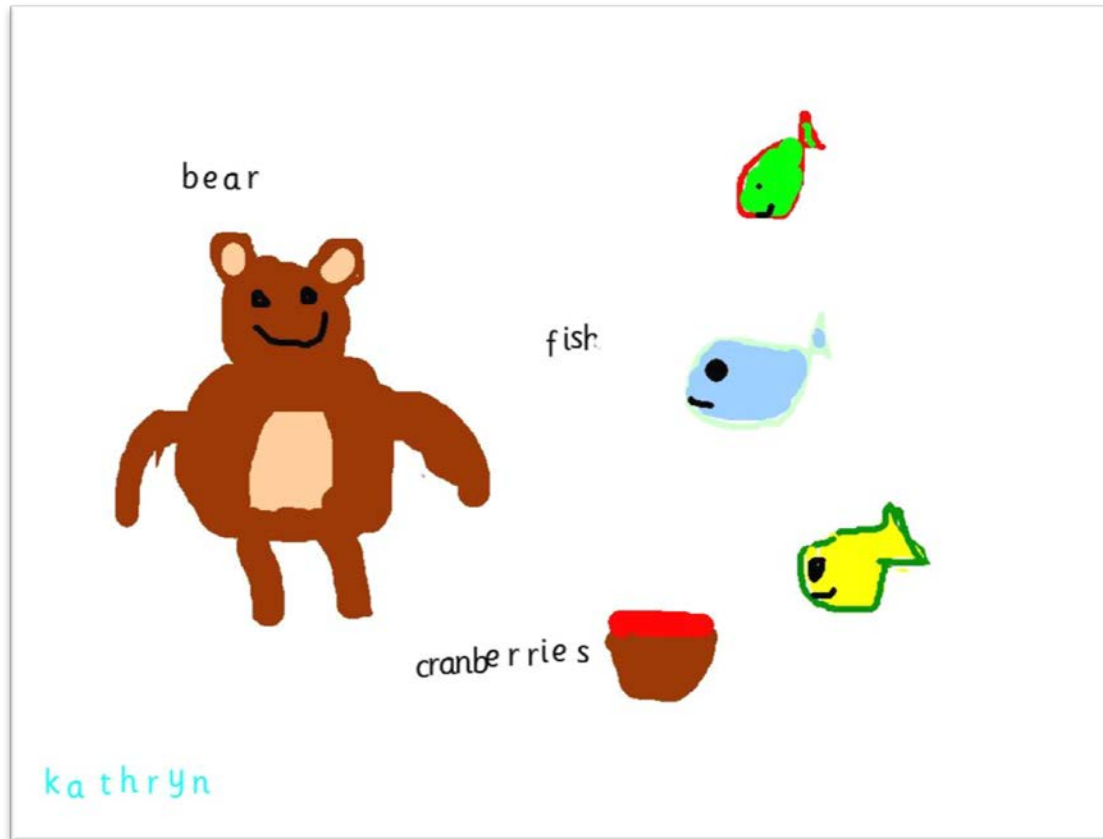
When my eyes opened the first thing I noticed was the corn, herbs, and tobacco hanging from the ceiling and rafters. I also heard the rushing river through my ears. I lifted off my warm bear skin blanket. Then I went to the shelves, reached up into a basket, and got my clothing. First, I put on the deerskin shirt that my mom made from the deer hunt we did last year. I caught four deer. Next I put on my waist-high leggings. I put moccasins on my feet to protect them from stepping on prickles. Then I put on my sash. I was ready to go hunting.



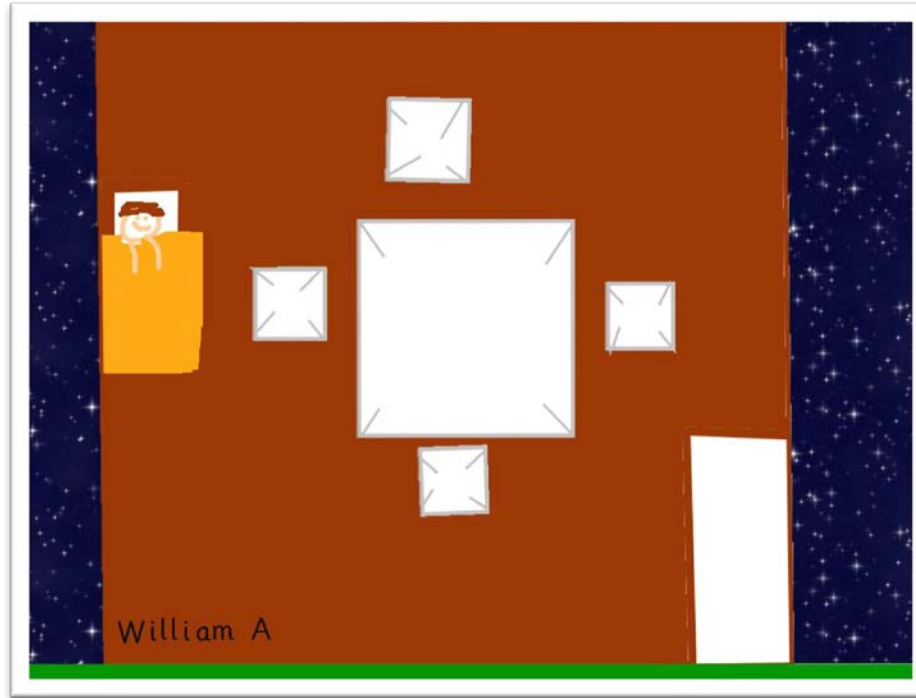
I grabbed my bow and arrows and went hunting. We went hunting for rabbits and bear. We caught two bunnies. My dad caught one bunny and I caught the other one. We also caught a bear. We went back to the long house to have lunch. We ate the rabbits we caught, we also ate “the three sisters,” which are corn, squash, and beans. My mother and sisters picked them from our garden. The women garden. They use tools like a hoe made with a stick and clamshell. It was really really really good. We decided to save the bear for dinner. I hope they gather some cranberries to go with the bear. I love cranberries! I also love blueberries but it’s too late in the year to pick them.



While we were at the longhouse we grabbed our spears and nets to go fishing. We had to walk a while to get to the lake. Finally we arrived at the lake! I helped my dad get the canoe in the water, then we hopped in the canoe and we started to paddle. Once we got in the middle of the lake we threw the net in the water. Wow, we caught a sunfish, a pickerel and a shad! We brought the fish back to the long house.



It is finally time for dinner. We ate fish, bear, and the cranberries that my mom and sister picked, so I know it is fresh. We all sat down to eat and I had a little of everything. It was great.



I was getting tired. I went back to my longhouse and put on my fur robe to go to sleep. I went to my sleeping spot . I pulled my bear skin blanket over me and I fell asleep in a minute.