everywhere, wonder

Something I SAW with my own eyes:

Something from a BOOK or a MOVIE:

Something I IMAGINED:

Something someone else THREW OUT:

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Teacher Guide

This exercise is meant to prepare your students for the upcoming assembly on the picture book Everywhere, Wonder *by Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr.*

The book emphasizes the importance of noticing and appreciating the interesting and beautiful objects and environments to be found *everywhere*—and then sharing our observations and experiences with others. The exercise will encourage students to connect observation with creative expression by prompting them to draw pictures that relate to past experiences.

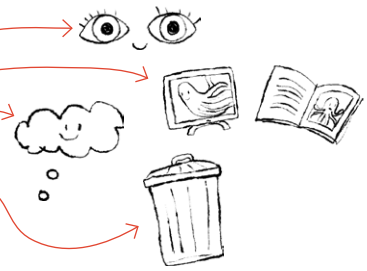
Instructions:

1. Provide each student with 1) a print out of the worksheet and 2) drawing materials (colored pencils or crayons is ideal, but a single pencil or pen also works fine!).
2. Read each of the following prompts, and ask a handful of students to share their responses out loud.
3. Give students 4-5 minutes to draw a picture of their response to each prompt *(feel free to adjust the amount of time and the number of prompts students complete based on the amount of overall time you have for the exercise).*
4. When students are done completing one (or more) prompts, ask each student to select one drawing and come to the front of the room to share it with their classmates.
5. Comment on each student's drawing, incorporating points from "Ideas to reinforce" section below.

Prompts (to be read aloud to students)

corresponding image on student worksheet:

1. The most beautiful thing I've ever seen with my own eyes is:
2. The most incredible thing I've ever seen in a movie or book is:
3. The most amazing thing I've ever imagined is:
4. One day I saw something that someone else had thrown away. But I think it's beautiful and interesting. Here's what it looked like:



Ideas to reinforce while responding to student drawings:

- Anywhere you are—at any time—there are beautiful, interesting things all around you. You just have to stop and look, and you will start to notice them.
- "Beautiful" and "interesting" are matters of personal opinion. Everyone gets to decide for themselves what is worth looking at and paying attention to.
- *Every* person's life is full of experiences worth sharing and telling stories about. Especially yours!
- An author is just someone who writes down their story! An illustrator is just someone who draws pictures. Anyone can be an author or an illustrator if they decide to. Even you!