

THE PENGUIN GINGERBREAD BOY COOKIE

And The Eleven Little Penguins

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Hazel, Gili, Ben, Ryanna, and Ethan

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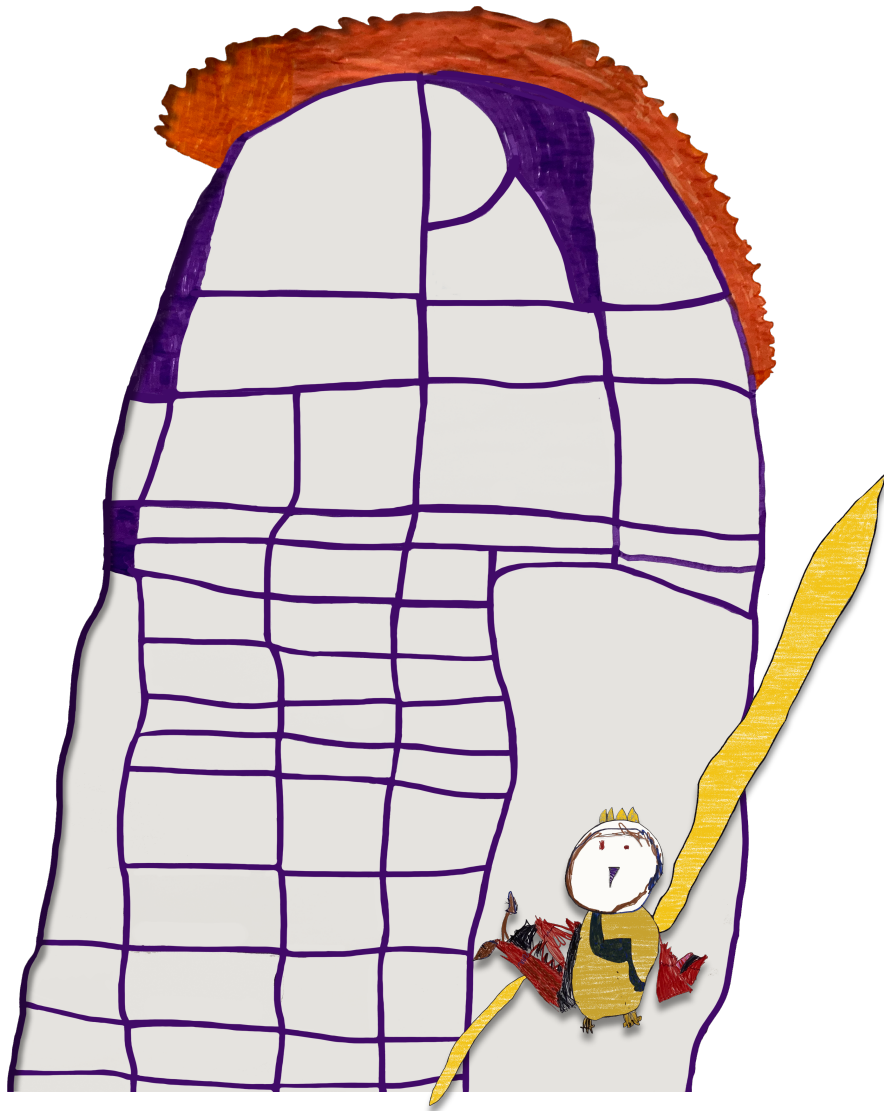
This book originated from the children's interest in the study of penguins in the continent of Antarctica in January 2021. After reading non-fiction books to them, I researched for narrative stories about penguin gingerbread cookies, since the children were excited about this yummy treat. Luckily, there wasn't a creative story written yet...

During group time, I announced to the children that I would write a penguin gingerbread boy story for them. At that moment, I began my writing journey for a children's book that I could personalized for the eleven children in the classroom. After the book was written, the children's enthusiasm for a puppet show was born and guided by "The Penguin Gingerbread Boy Cookie And The Eleven Little Penguins," book.

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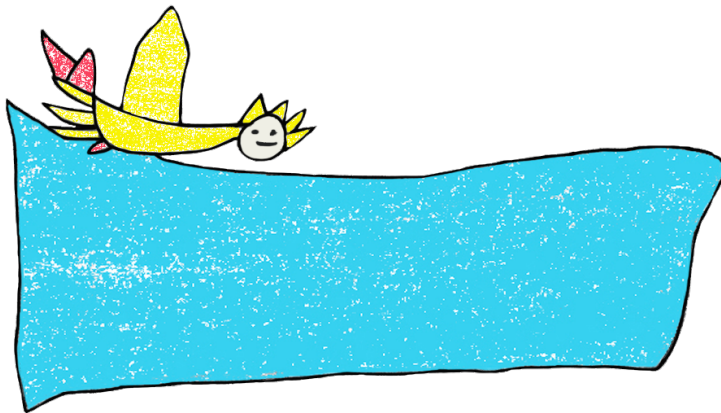
Once upon a time, a mother penguin named Sofia wanted to make gingerbread cookies for her baby Penguin Polarcito during the winter season in Antarctica. This was Mother Penguin's first time cooking inside her icy igloo, therefore she decided to make only one Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie. The igloo in which mother penguin Sofia lived had a small tiny oven.



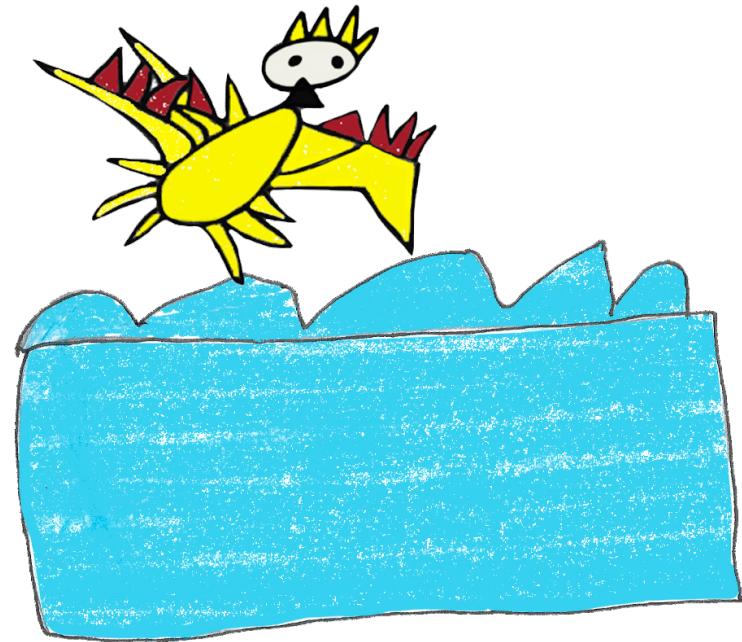


When she opened the oven to peek and check on her cookie, out popped a Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie! The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran out of the igloo teeny tiny door!

The chase for the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie began. Now remember that the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie was very skilled at...

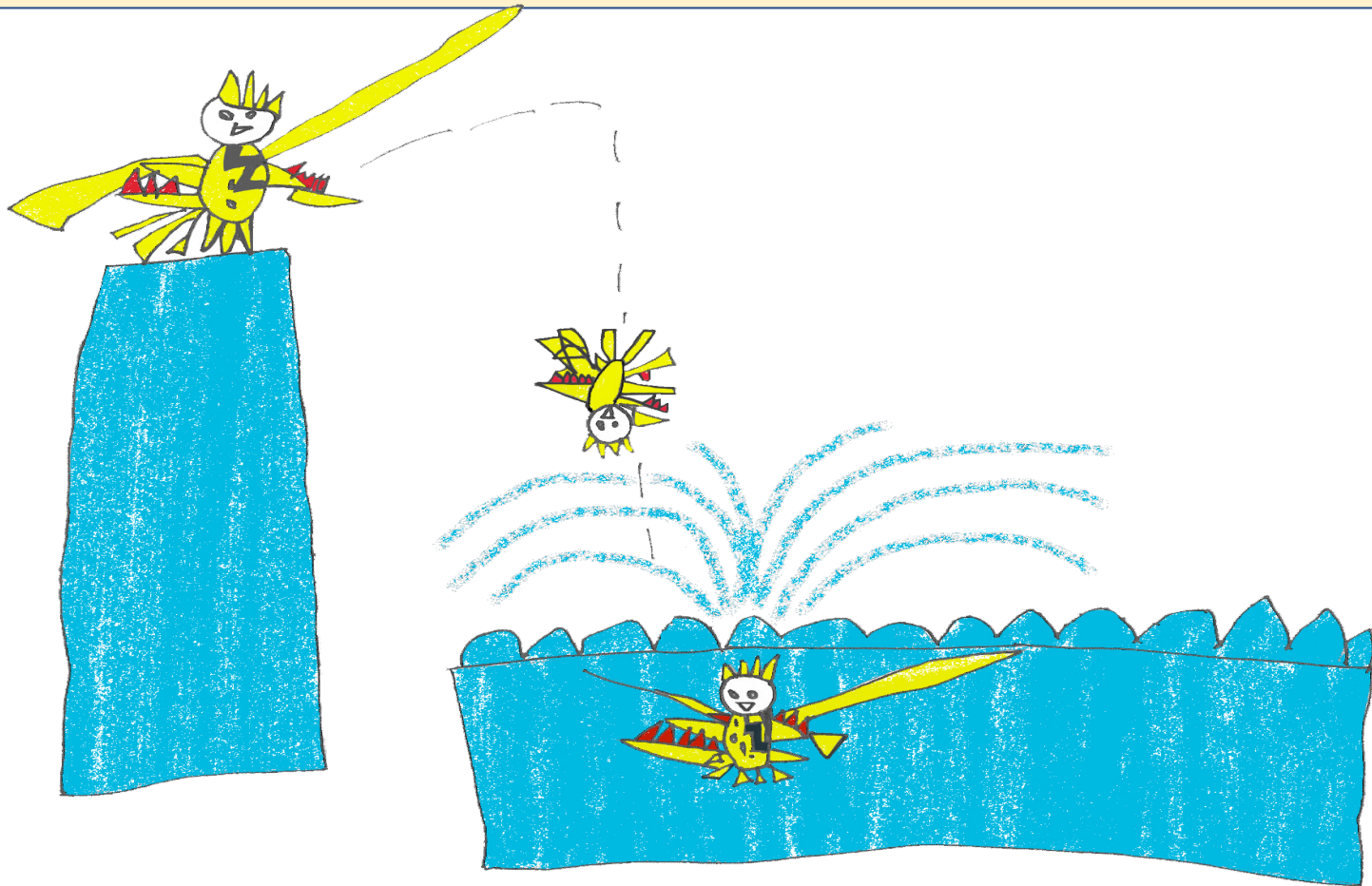


sliding on its tummy on frozen ice,



running on fresh snow,

...and at swimming like a torpedo in ice cold oceans and fierce warm waters.



The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie knew that Penguin Polarcito would eat it up if it stayed in the oven until completely cooked, for Mama Penguin Sofia had talked to her baby Penguin Polarcito about this once a year special yummy dessert, while the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie was in the oven. Knowing that, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie decided to run away.

Mother Penguin Sofia and Baby Penguin Polarcito decided to not run after the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie, but try cooking...



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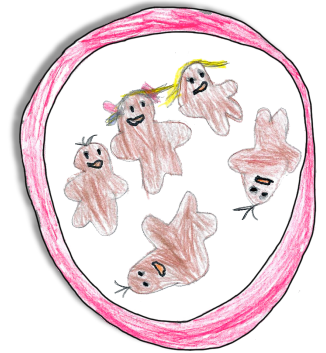
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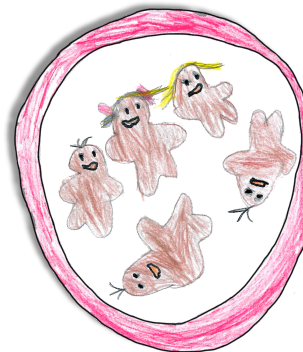
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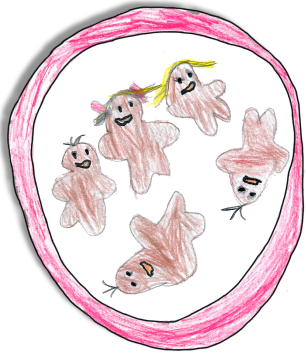


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45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80...



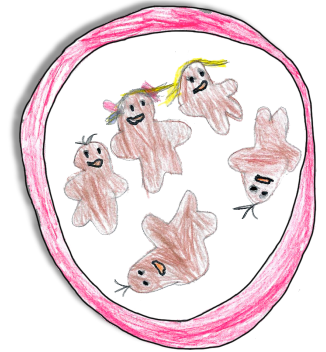
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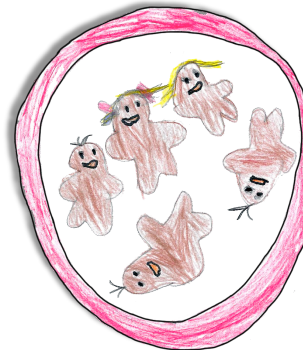
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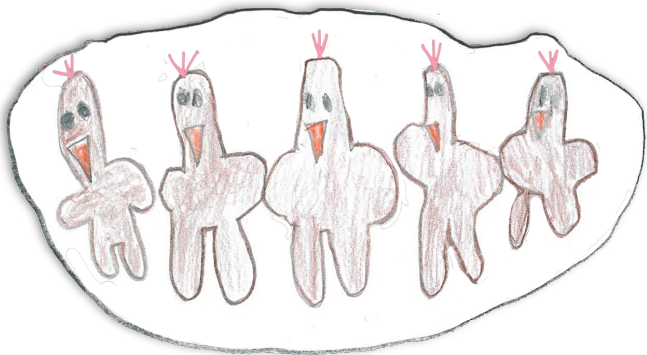
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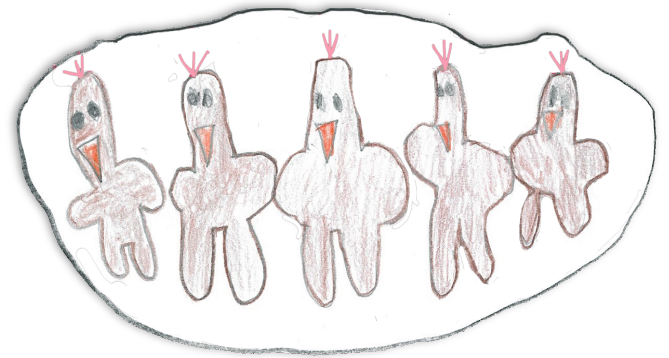
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85, 90, 95, 100 cookies!

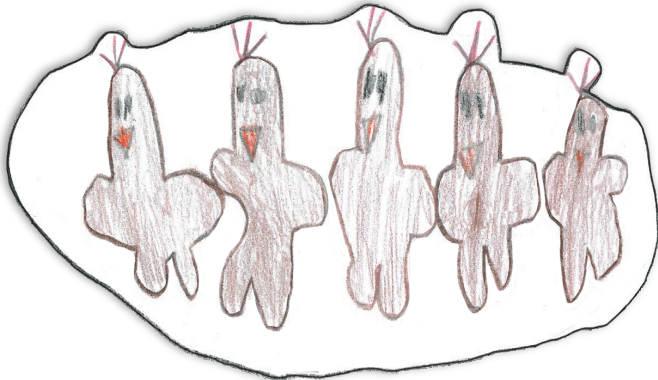
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100!



First, the Gingerbread Boy cookie ran swiftly past Penguin Toma. Penguin Toma said, "Konichiwa," but before Penguin Toma could invite the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie to write a story that could make the cookie out of trouble; the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"



Konichiwa!

The illustration shows Penguin Toma, a penguin with a yellow body and black wings, standing on a blue, textured ground. He is looking towards the left. To his right, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie is running away. The cookie is white with black outlines and has a yellow crown on its head. The background consists of blue, textured clouds and a yellow ribbon-like shape.

Second, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran rapidly past Penguin Ella. Penguin Ella said, "Shalom," but before Penguin Ella could lead the way for the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie and plan a safe escape in Antarctica without being gobbled up by the fox, the white shark, or by an albatross, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy."

Shalom!

Third, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran quickly past Penguin Tianqi. Penguin Tianqi said, “Ni hao,” but before Penguin Tianqi could invite the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie to cut a boat that could keep him out of trouble crossing the Antarctica oceans, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, “Run, run as fast as you can, you can’t catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!”

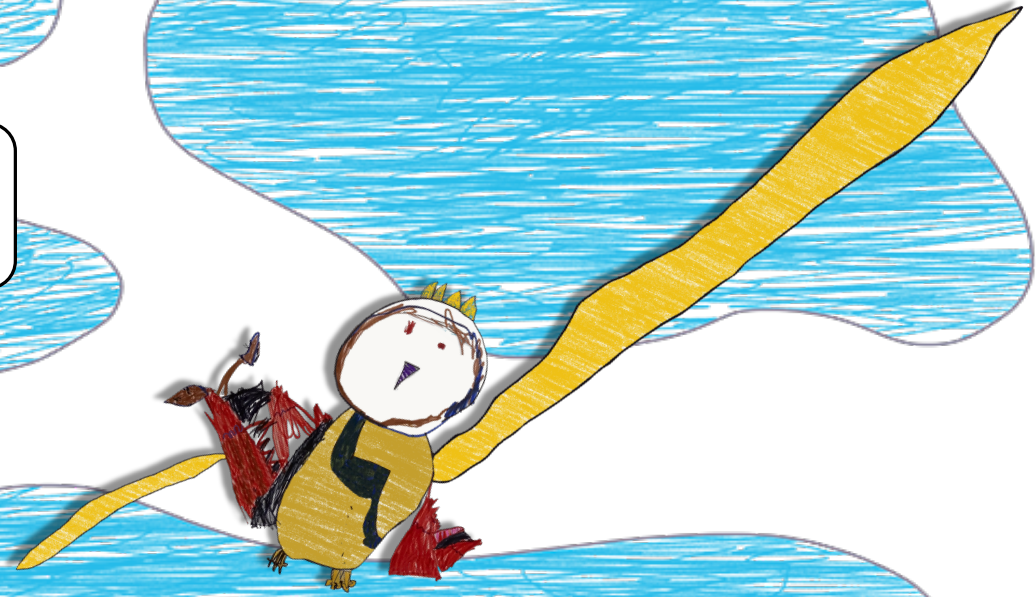


Ni hao!

Fourth, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran fast past Penguin Lucca. Penguin Lucca said, "Hola," but before Penguin Lucca could tell him, "I love you" and draw a picture for him, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"



Hola!



Fifth, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran briskly past Penguin Arielle. Penguin Arielle said, "Shalom," but before Penguin Arielle could talk him into the idea of becoming the first penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie astronaut and explore Mars, the "Red Planet," the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"

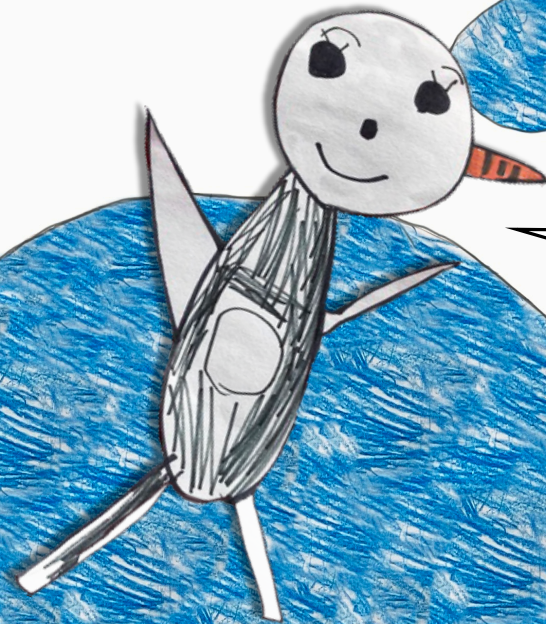
Shalom!

Sixth, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran breathlessly past Penguin Yannai. Penguin Yannai said, "Shalom," but before Penguin Yannai could mathematically guide the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie through a map of shapes where he could find gold, become rich, and not be a Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie eaten by anyone, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"

A hand-drawn illustration featuring two characters. On the left is Penguin Yannai, a penguin with a dark grey head and back, a white belly, and yellow feet. It has yellow eyes and a yellow beak. A speech bubble next to it says "Shalom!". On the right is the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie, a round character with a white face, a yellow body, and a crown. It has red wings and a long yellow tail. The background consists of blue scribbled areas representing water or ice and a light-colored ground with some small brown spots.

Shalom!

Seventh, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran hurriedly past Penguin Hazel. Penguin Hazel said, "Hello," but before Penguin Hazel could quickly grab one of its wings and say, "Let's make chocolate ice cream together and sell it at our Penguin ice cream store, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, *"Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"*



Hello!



Eighth, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran expeditiously past Gili. Penguin Gili said, "Shalom," but before Penguin Gili could say, "You are the nicest Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie I have ever met, and show him her enchanting paintings of beautiful shades of red, and help him read, write and illustrate story books, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"



Shalom!

Ninth, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran flyingly past Penguin Ben. Penguin Ben said, "Shalom," but before Penguin Ben could become his best buddy and be charming as only Ben could be, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"



Shalom!

Tenth, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran zippy past Penguin Ryanna. Penguin Ryanna said, "Hello," but before Penguin Ryanna could help him think realistically about being safe in the continent of Antarctica; the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!"



Hello!

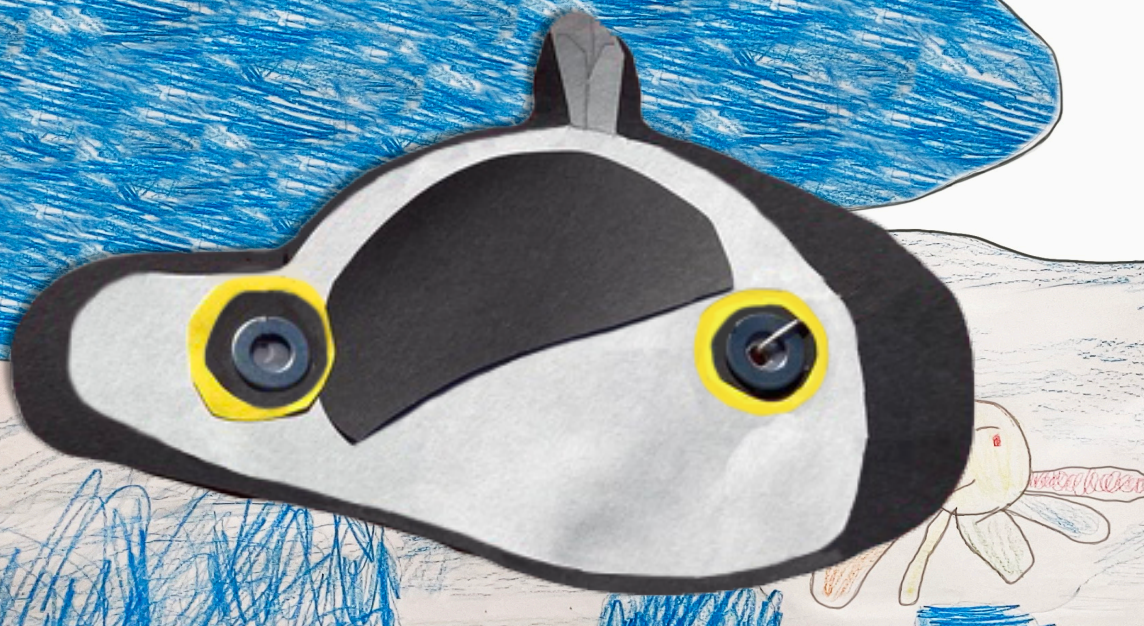


Eleventh, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie run briskly past Penguin Ethan. Penguin Ethan said, “Ni hao,” but before Penguin Ethan could ask the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie to play hockey, frisbee, and soccer, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie ran away and said, “Run, run as fast as you can you can’t catch me, I am the Penguin Gingerbread Boy!”

A colorful illustration of a snowy landscape. On the left, a white stick figure with large black eyes and an orange smile, representing Penguin Ethan, stands on a patch of snow. A speech bubble next to him says "Ni hao!". In the center, there is a yellow jellyfish-like creature with pink tentacles and a smiling face. To the right, a yellow penguin with a crown and red wings is running away. The background is a blue, textured sky and a greyish snow-covered ground with some small fish-like shapes. The overall style is simple and childlike.

Ni hao!

In the end, it meets an Orca whale. The Orca whale looked gigantic, massive and scary. (After all Orca whales are named killer whales.) The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie approached the Orca whale at the edge of the Antarctic icy waters, for the Orca whale, to him, looked elegant and beautiful in the vast blue sea. The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie felt every penguin he found wanted to eat him, and judges the whale by its moon-like beauty, and by its strength. He thinks it will be kind and friendly.



The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie said to the Orca whale, "Would you give me a ride on your back to visit some countries of the world? You are fearless, beautiful and strong, and best of all, you carry braveness and light in you wherever you go. I have run away from eleven little penguins that wanted to eat me. I heard them saying words such as, Konichiwa, Hola, Ni hau, Hello, and Shalom and I am wondering what those words mean?"



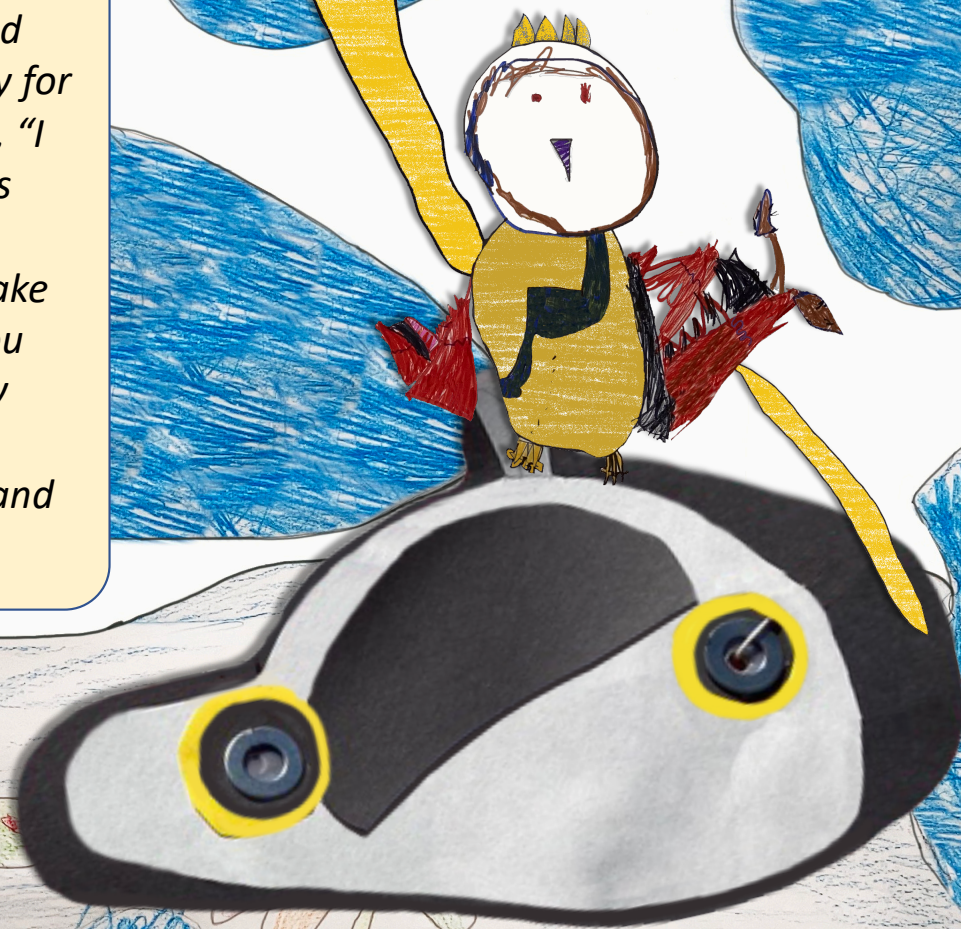
The Orca whale did not hesitate and said, "Jump on my back." The gingerbread boy said, "But, but are you sure you will not eat me? Because, I know how to swim, and swim like a torpedo in the islands of Antarctica. The oceans of the world are so vast, and you can help me in your travels."




To that, the Orca whale responded, "I will not eat you. Jump on my back." The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie did just that.

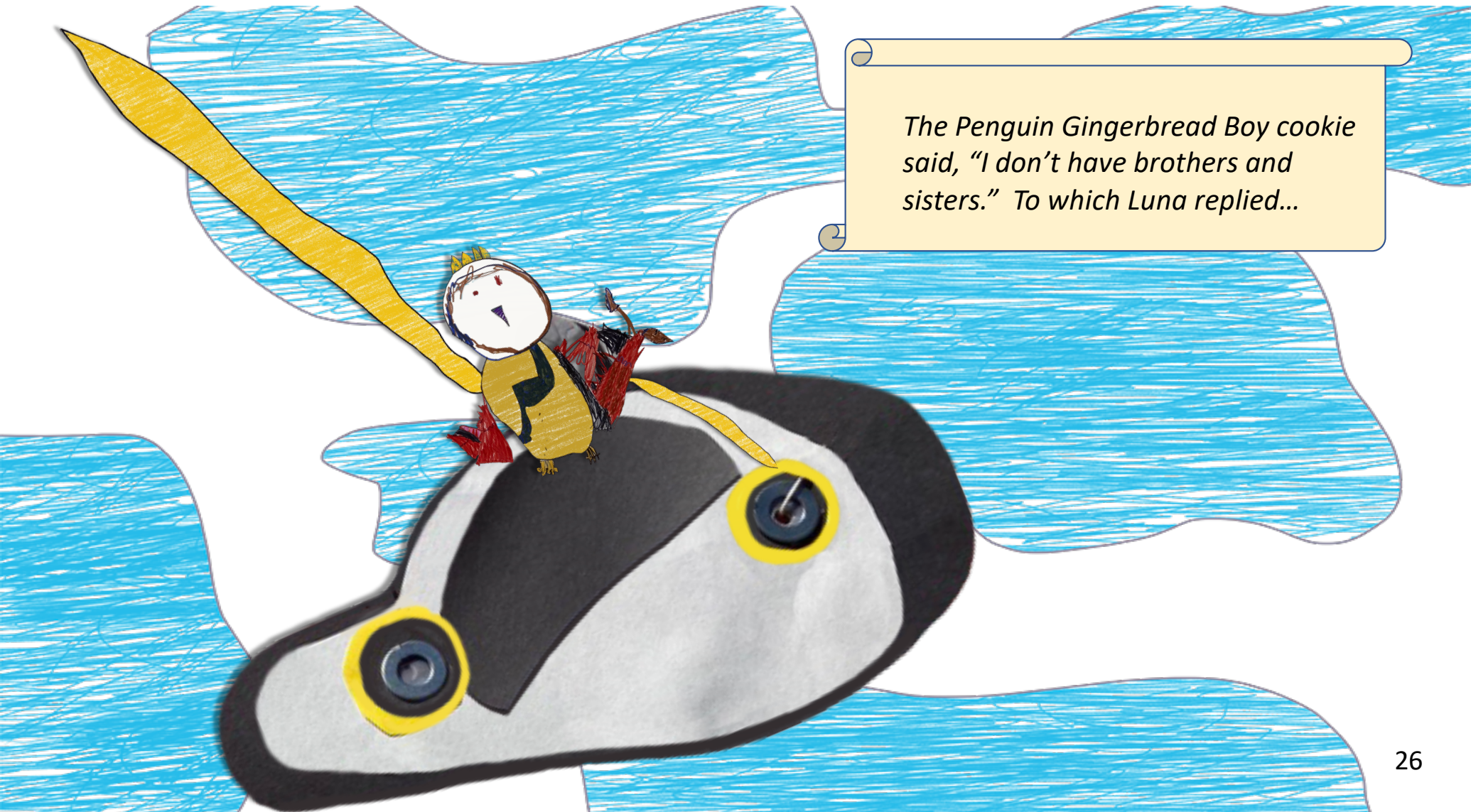


This time the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie was really, really, lucky for this Orca whale named Luna said, "I only eat seals, fish and sometimes penguins but not Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookies! I will take you back to all of the penguins you met along the way of your speedy running pathway, for those little penguins are truly friendly, kind, and inclusive.



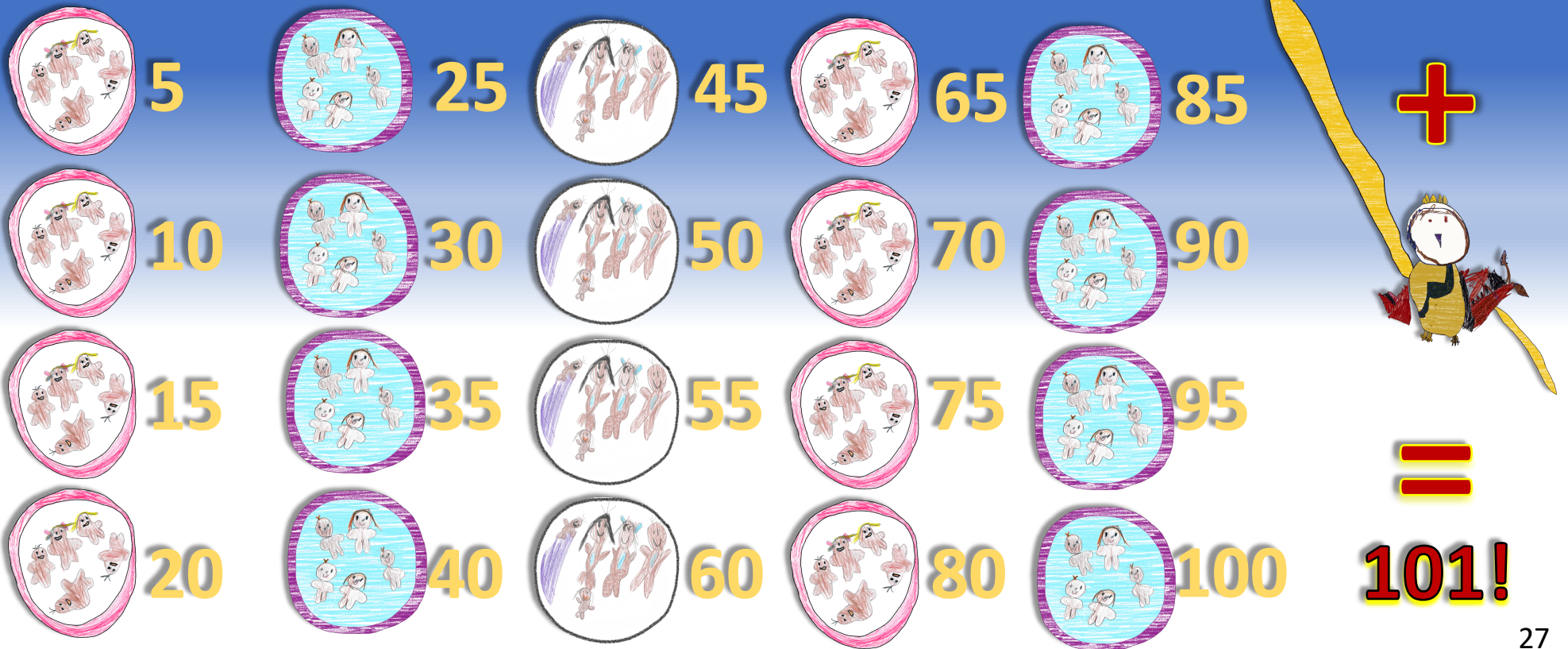
A child's drawing of a boat with a yellow snake on top, surrounded by jellyfish and a crab in blue water. The drawing is done with crayons and markers. The boat is grey with a black stripe and yellow wheels. The snake is yellow with a black stripe. There are several jellyfish, some yellow and some red, and a crab. The background is blue with white and brown scribbles representing water and rocks.

They see you scared and want to help you. They want to play with you. I do not think they would want to eat you, once they get to know you. Who knows you may find your brothers and sisters."



The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie said, "I don't have brothers and sisters." To which Luna replied...

“Well, I heard that Penguin Sofia has made 5,10,15...100 gingerbread cookies, plus one more, that is you my friend, that makes 101 penguin gingerbread boy and gingerbread girl cookies now living in the continent of Antarctica!”



The Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie and the Orca whale became good friends. You may wonder what ever happened to the penguin gingerbread boy? Well he went back to all of the penguins he met as he was running away through the little icy islands of Antarctica. The little penguins did admit that at times they wish for a tasty treat! But in the end, the Penguin Gingerbread Boy cookie played with the eleven little penguins happily ever after.

THE END.

