

Gompers Elementary School

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What I Like

About Lakewood

Lakewood is a wonderful place to live and visit. There are many great places such as libraries, schools, and parks for families. I like Lakewood because it's a very exciting, safe place to visit and live. There are safe streets in Lakewood which have nice next-door neighbors. Lakewood has plenty of sport programs you could play in at the park. What I like about Lakewood is how the people get along with others. The thing that I like best about Lakewood is that living there is excit-

Huy Hua

ing. My family and I like to go to the theaters to watch movies and malls to buy interesting things. My family likes to clean up the parks to keep Lakewood clean and beautiful. I'm proud of living in Lakewood!

Tyler Thompson
Gompers Elementary
2nd Grade

What I Like About Lakewood

Dear Lakewood,

You have nice people in Lakewood. There are good places in Lakewood. You should live in Lakewood. They have good stores and nice schools. I like Lakewood because good pet stores. Lakewood is the fun place to live. In Lakewood they have good food at Ralphs. They have a clean city in Lakewood. They have a happy city. The City of Lakewood is a friendly place to live. In Lakewood, they have great people. They have great games in Lakewood. The mall is a nice place to get clothes. The people in Lakewood are nice to other people too.

Your friend,

Tyler Thompson

Cheyenna Islam,
Gompers 3rd
Bryan

Mr Camerino

Mr Camerino is a special person in my school. He is my principal at Gompers School in Lakewood. I chose to write about him because he is a great principal. He has confidence in us and thinks we will do well. Even though he's a new principal, he's still great!

Mr. Camerino makes school a comfortable place. He always makes time to be with us. Sometimes he comes out to have recess with us. He is funny. He always tries to make things a little goofy. One thing I know for sure is he's friendly. Instead of always announcing things on a speaker, he comes to our class to inform us. Sometimes he teaches when our teacher is gone. It feels like he really likes to spend time with us.

Cheyenna Islam

Mr. Camerino is very respectful to every student. He listens to what we have to say. He enjoys being a principal and has a good time. I think he is a special person because he has patience with all of the students.

Cheyenna Islam
Gompers Elementary
Grade 3-Room 14
Mrs. Bryan

I want to tell you about a very special person. The person I admire is my dad. I admire my dad. I admire my dad because he taught me how to play softball and he is still teaching me. He also plays around with me. I think my dad is really special.

I think my dad is really special because he never gives up and plays fair. He also takes good care of everything and works very hard. He also spends his money wisely.

I admire my dad because he is very bright and I can learn from him. When I do something wrong he tells me and explains it and tells me how to do it right.

I think my dad is also very special because he never forgets about his kids. He never says mean things about them. He never forgets his children because he buys and says nice things about them.

Kayla Joyce
Gompers Elementary
Mrs. Goodrich
Room 12 grade 3

**Jimmy Luong
Gompers Elementary
Grade 3 - Room 14
Teacher - Mrs. Bryan**

My Teacher

Mrs. Bryan is a great teacher. She teaches the third grade. She makes learning really fun. Whenever my class gets worn out, she lets us have a Brain Break. (A Brain Break is when we stop working and have a break.) Also, if some kids in my class don't understand things, she explains it real thoroughly to them.

She cares about others and makes sure she doesn't embarrass anyone. Also she treats us fairly. If you already did a job (being a paper passer, sanitation engineer, etc.) she picks someone else. Don't you think that's being fair to others?

Mrs. Bryan has many different character traits. She is a trustworthy person. She tries her hardest to accomplish many things. If she forgets to do something for the class, she makes it up to us on another day.

Many other teachers don't know Sign Language, but Mrs. Bryan does. How many teachers do you know, who know Sign Language? In our class she teaches signing to us. I know some signs for yes, no, I have to use the restroom and today! She even taught us how to sign the Happy Birthday song.

I'm really glad Mrs. Bryan is my teacher. She's a really fun person. She makes the class laugh every day. When we're done with a test and we check it thoroughly, she lets us draw. Mrs. Bryan is an awesome teacher!

Alex Aguayo
Gompers Elementary
4th Grade

The Mayor, My Friend

Dear Larry Van Nostran,

I, Alex Aguayo, just wanted to tell you how much I appreciate all the things you do as the mayor of the City of Lakewood and as a member and elder of Christ Presbyterian Church in the City of Lakewood.

It makes me feel proud to know someone who supports children. You were a part of the Lakewood Hall of Fame which supports the high school students who excel in sports, and just so you know right now, I plan to be on that wall of fame.

Now to tell you what you do at Christ Presbyterian Church, there are Sundays that you greet people when they come to church. There are days you usher, and days you help with the service.

You get together and plan work parties to clean up the church, which is a lot of work. You are also a big part of our church community picnic, you are right out there in the hot sun with your Farmer John overalls, standing over this huge barbecue cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.

You also worked very hard to get a very nice pre-school built at Christ Presbyterian Church. The pre-school is great and we have met a lot of nice new people from the pre-school.

I also like Bingo night at church where you raffle off all kinds of cool stuff. I know that right now, you are not the mayor this year, but you were last year. You did and do so much I guess you need a break. Do you know I want you to keep being the mayor and it's one of the best things having the mayor at my church.

Sincerely,

Alex Aguayo

My Mom*Homework
Room 19
4th grade*

The person I admire is my Mom. She is 38 years old. She is 6-feet and 2-inches tall. She grew up in Redondo Beach. She graduated from High School. She went to Loyola Marymount University to get an engineering Degree. She played on a Women's Basketball team.

Now she works at Boeing for the C-17 aircraft. The C-17 is a cargo plane that brings supplies and food to people that are hungry. She helps repair problems and makes sure the structure is strong enough to fly. She also helps correct problems so they don't ever happen again. She helps and trains workers to use the computer to build the airplane. She helps lower the cost of the airplane to save Boeing and the Air Force money. I like it when she gets me a toy or a gift from her work.

My mom is nice to me a lot. She is helpful when I do my homework. She is caring because she makes sure we are safe from strangers. She likes playing games with us like soccer, basketball, baseball, cards and board games. She taught me how to surf, roller blade, ride a bike, rock climb, ride a motorcycle and taught me about Jesus. She likes playing basketball and likes building models with me. She fixes broken bikes. She loves to surf because it is her most favorite thing. She used to ride and race motorcycles.

My Mom is a person that I know very well. She is the most helpful person in my life. I can go to her with anything and she will help me with it.

Rayna Jensen

Gompers Elementary
Rayna Alexandra J.
Room #17 Grade 4

Someone I Admire in Lakewood

By Rayna J.

There's a special lady who has lived on Dunrobin Street in Lakewood since her house was built. She is my great grandma, Mimi, and I admire her. She makes my life much easier because she takes me and my sister home from Samuel Gompers Elementary School in Lakewood. Mimi also invites our family for dinner at her Lakewood home near San Martin Park. She is so generous. At Christmas she buys our family presents.

We also have Easter at her house, but this year she went to the Dodger game and couldn't have Easter at her house,

Rayna Jensen

so she gave my sisters and I five dollars each to spend at the Lakewood Center Mall. I don't know what I will do without her. She's wonderful!

My great grandma Mimi gave a going away party for my Uncle Tom who's going in the Air Force. My perspective about Mimi is she's kind, funny and helpful. Mimi took me out for ice cream at the Baskin Robbins on Del Amo Blvd. in Lakewood, and on my birthday she never knows what I want because she doesn't know what's "in" and what's "out" so she gives me forty dollars. Lakewood has great stores to shop at like my favorite - Target.

Rayna Jensen

If you knew my great grandma, you would love her too. Her food is fabulous! You would love her food too! Why do I love her? Because she's wonderful! I admire her and the best thing about her is she's always is herself, and not trying to be anyone else. To show my appreciation I bought her flowers for Mother's Day.

Mimi is an expert at knitting. After she done knitting blankets, she sends them to babies whose mommies don't have enough money to care for their children. So she sends blankets for the babies. Mimi enjoys life and nature in Lakewood.

I hope Mimi

Rayna Jensen

never moves out of Lakewood, because I enjoy being in Lakewood with her. Wherever Mimi goes in Lakewood, she said she enjoys it. Thank you Lakewood for making our lives happy, and joyful!

Lakewood's History

By: Lydia Rankin

Have you ever wondered how Lakewood became a city? Well, if you have wondered, I give you permission to read my fantastic report and learn all about this comfortable city.

Lakewood is ten miles southeast of Los Angeles. All of Lakewood used to be a sugar beet field. It was constructed as a planned community of 17,500 homes in 1950 by the Lakewood Park Company. The center of town was built as a shopping area of several shops and department stores called The Lakewood Center. Lakewood opened in 1951 for the people who wanted to move into one

Lydia Rankin

one of the newly built homes. More than 70,000 people moved to Lakewood in its first three years, and that's a lot of people!

Lakewood was not an incorporated city, so it was governed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The city of Long Beach attempted to annex all of Lakewood for itself, but that was stopped!

In 1954 Lakewood residents voted and Lakewood became incorporated as a city. Today Lakewood has more than 26,000 homes and it is studied by people all over the United States as a model community.

I think Lakewood was really brave to stand up

Lydia Rankin

for what it believed in, to become incorporated as a city, and to make dreams come true.

Lakewood is one of the first cities to plan out were to plan onto where to be built. Everyone else just put houses down and if there was some more room they would put a store or something in the extra space, without planning anything beforehand. Lakewood was planned for families and is a nice place to live.

What I Like About Lakewood

By Arielle Santos

Lakewood is a great city. It is also peaceful and safe. This city has been standing for fifty years. I have liked this city for a long time. I would like to tell you some wonderful things I love about this city.

The city of Lakewood has great schools where children are taught by wonderful teachers. I also like the libraries we have! Kids can go in to study or during their free-time. Lakewood has a great mall and shopping centers. Our mall is quite famous. It even has its own advertisement on T.V. The Lakewood Mall can be a place for activities like "Kids Night Out." Kids Night Out is a place where they have educational shows for kids on Tuesdays. Kids have fun and learn at the same time. The mall isn't the only place I like here in Lakewood.

There are also parks where

Arielle Santos

you can play and rest under the trees. I also like the lovely animals in our city. Here in Lakewood our pretty houses are also well built. I like the people in Lakewood because they are so friendly. I think everyone here are the nicest people you'll meet.

Now I hope you liked my stay. Lakewood is a city that is very unique because there is no city like it. I respect this city a lot and I like living here a lot too. Lakewood really is "tomorrow's city today".

OSCAR De La Torre 5th grade
Gompers Elementry
Mrs. Vargas room 27

Someone I Admire in Lakewood

Someone that I admire in Lakewood is my Principal Mr. Camerino. I think he is the best principal I ever had, And I am going to write about why I think that.

Our principal Mr. Camerino is a very important person in the school. He is tall, has short black hair, brown eyes, wears a suit and a tie. He has a wife, children, and other family. Mr. Camerino is careful, truthful, and respectful. He is a joyful friendly person. When we talk with him he always smiles.

I admire Mr. Camerino because whenever I need him he's always there for me. Without Mr. Camerino Gompers school would be a mess.

Oscar De La Torre

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I also know that he cares about our school and how we do on our tests, our behavior and keeping the school safe. Almost everybody in the school admires Mr. Camerino because he is faithful and responsible to everybody in the whole school.

Another reason I admire Mr. Camerino is because every time something bad is happening he helps solve the problem. He will not let any body get hurt. Mr. Camerino is always keeping track of his job at Gompers. He is special because he tells us very important things we need to know. Mr. Camerino is always busy in the school.

I have written this essay about the person I admire the most in Lakewood. I hope it is easy

Oscar De La Torre

to see why I picked my
Principal, Mr.Camerino.

Adam Lara 5th grade
Gompers Elementary
Mrs. Vargas Rm#27

What I like in Lakewood

I am writing about the City of Lakewood. This essay is about things that I like about the city of Lakewood. I am writing about a school called Gompers Elementary. I am going to write about what I like about this school.

Gompers is a big school. It is a great place to learn. Our playground has lots of balls to play with. They have red balls, basketballs, and tetherballs. It has a nice library. The school has lots of classroom. Gompers also has many computers in the computer lab.

I like this school because the library has many interesting books I like to read. On Wednesdays we have one hour of free play. Then when it is raining, some of the teachers let us play games from the bin. I like this school because we have P.E., library and computers. I also like the playground's basketball courts and the kickball fields. In

Veronica Munguia

I chose to write about my school because its the place I like the most in Lakewood. I wish I could live near Gompers or anywhere in Lakewood so that when I go to middle school I could still probably visit Gompers.

Aidan Lava

the kickball field, we can use the white base, yellow base, or the boxes. We can also play Three Flags up. The food in the cafeteria is good. I like the hallways because they lead you anywhere in the school.

I am proud of being a part of Lakewood because some people do not get to go to the great school in Lakewood. I feel proud of Lakewood because it is a clean place. The schools in Lakewood teach kids to be better students.

I wrote this essay because I like this city. I choose this school because Gompers is my favorite school and it teaches a lot of things that will help us learn things that we will need so we could pass the grades.

Veronica Monguia, 5th grade
Gompers Elementary
Mrs. Vargas, RM 27

My Favorite Place in Lakewood

The place I'm writing about is Gompers Elementary school in Lakewood. Gompers is a "great" school to go to.

Gompers is on the corner of Candlewood and Briercrest. It is a big school that takes up a whole block! The outside of our school is pale blue. Gompers has two playgrounds. It also has six or seven bungalows and it has a parking lot. Our school has over eight hundred students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Gompers has a student council and it also has a chorus.

There are many things I like about our school. I like the playground because it has many activities and equipment to play on and I like my classroom because we learn new things in math, reading, science, and history.

I like the library because it has a lot of interesting and wonderful books to read. The computer lab is "great" because I get to go there every week and I get to work on math, reading, language arts. Our school mascot is a little alligator. Something special I like is our opening ceremony. We get to say the pledge, the school motto, and sing some of the wonderful songs I know. We also have a student council and I get to participate in it.

I am really proud to say that I go to school at Gompers Elementary in Lakewood because I love that school. Gompers students, teachers, and even the principal work hard and try their very best on working. Every body does really well and puts a lot of effort in many things and that makes me feel proud. Gompers is one of the best schools I've been to. I've been going to Gompers for two years, in fourth and in fifth grade.