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THE ADVENTURE OF TWO FRIENDS.

School mural encourages Northside third graders to persevere through a challenging new creative writing unit.

To coincide with a new writing unit, **Wallz4Kidz** muralist Lisa Courtney-Holmes was asked to help her son's class create a mural outside their classroom. Each child is writing and illustrating a hard bound book with the story idea being two snowfriends having an adventure one winter evening. Thus the title: ***The Adventures of Two Friends.***

The goal is to have the children learn the process of creating and publishing a book from the creative writing process to the details of illustrating the story, writing a mini autobiography for the author page and including a dedication page. "It is a long process and your wonderful mural is giving us the incentive we need to persevere", says Diane Dudley, third grade teacher at Northside Elementary School in Fairport, NY, "Thank you for all your time and talent".

The mural was sketched ahead of time, using an overhead projector. On the day of the painting, the children were called out into the hall by twos. After approximately 3 hours, all 21 students had taken turns at painting. The children truly enjoyed the process and beamed with pride as other students and faculty admired their work. Much to the delight of the students, Courtney-Holmes put on the finishing touches at the end.

Wallz4Kidz.com is a newly launched whimsical children's mural business, catering to parents, schools, child care, and health care facilities. The artist focuses on custom paintings produced quickly and economically.

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