

Welcome back, readers! Get ready, because *Lit Kids Magazine*'s Issue 5: Water is shore to make waves!

Before we dive in, here's a little background about our magazine! *Lit Kids* features creative work by children ages 5 to 13 from all over the world. What sets us apart (besides the amazing kids we work with) is the mentorship program offered for each submission! Our mentors help participants polish their work for publication so the children can experience the publication process firsthand. Whether these kids decide to participate in our mentorship or keep their pieces the same, we're so proud to offer a platform that shines a light on young talent.

Through Issue 5: Water, you'll find an array of interpretations of the theme. These pieces are fluid and cool, just like their namesake; some capture the magical side of water while others pay homage to how essential water is to life on earth. Every piece approaches the theme playfully, drawing from personal experience in one way or another, serving as evidence of how water connects us all. As I peruse this issue, I'm reminded how important it is to appreciate this beautiful blue planet we call our home. We hope you'll use these undertones of hope, resilience, and gratitude to conquer the tumultuous tides in your life. No doubt, the loveliness of rainbows makes the rain worth it.

Congratulations to all the writers, artists, and photographers featured in Issue 5: Water! We're proud of you for sailing through every emotional current. You truly made a splash! Keep shining!

Happy Reading,

Rebecca Weber

*Lit Kids Magazine*'s Mentor-In-Chief

P.S. If you enjoy Issue 5, please subscribe to our website to receive updates about open submissions and future issues! Also, if you know a creative kid who deserves the spotlight, point them in our direction. We open to submissions quarterly and can't wait to highlight new talents!