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Amazing, Yummy Mango

Oh mango, you are sweet as a corn.
You are as orange as a carrot and oval as a plate.
Oh mango, you are as sweet as candy.
Oh mango, you are as juicy and yummy as a Skittle.
Thank you, mango, you are sweet as me.
One day when I was outside,
I ate you on the balcony.
Yummy and Yellow

Oh mango, you are healthy and you are yummy.

You’re ugly, but you taste so good.

You are fresh and smooth.

You are yellow and orange.

Chomp. Crunch.

You are as yellow as a grape.

Thank you for being healthy and yummy

and for being alive.

Oh mango, I want one hundred billion of you.

The last time I had a mango was at home.

I ate you with my dad.

He said, “It is good.”

You swim in a hot tub with watermelons.
I would eat you more than Oreos.

You're moist and magnificent.

You are the best because you are healthy and yummy.
Pineapple

Oh pineapple,

you are sweet and juicy and pokey

and that’s why you’re amazing.

You are sweet. You smell fresh. You feel pokey.

Oh pineapple, you are as yellow as the sun.

You look clean.

You sound like crack! when I open you.

You are yummy and yellow and make me say, “Yes!”

You’re so pointy that you cut me in half.

You look as bright as the sun.

You make my eyes pink.

You are sweet as honey.

You are as big as a backpack.
Thank you for being yummy.

Thank you for letting me eat you.

I ate you at home and I loved you.

You're better when you are sliced.

When I was at a restaurant with my mom and dad,

I ate you and you were yummy.

You beg me to eat you.

It makes me feel good 'cause I want you.

Follow me wherever I go.

I wish there were a billion of you.

I would eat you all by myself.
Oh dragonfruit,
you are amazing because you are so sweet,
and you look different from other fruits.
You are so juicy.
It flows out of you and makes a lake.
Oh dragonfruit, you are large and round but quiet and fresh.
You feel soft and juicy.
You are enjoyable, excellent, and enormous.
Oh dragonfruit, you are as sweet as honey.
Oh dragonfruit, you are as bumpy as a fish.
Oh dragonfruit, thank you for being so good and being my favorite fruit.
The last time I ate you was in Thailand.
You were so good and I wasn’t hot after.

You may be quiet, but you still make a delicious chomp!

You fly into my mouth when you know I want to eat you.

I love how you taste.

I say, “Give me more,” when I see you.

People say, “So good,” when they eat you.
Oh strawberry,

you are sweet and yummy.

My strawberry said, “You are nice and kind.”

You feel cold and you look red, but you are also sweet as cotton candy.

Oh strawberry, you are fresh as water.

Oh strawberry, you are delicate, delightful, and delicious.

Oh strawberry, you are small as a bee.

Thank you, strawberry, for letting me eat you.

I love strawberries.

Oh strawberry, I eat you in my mouth, and my mouth is the North Pole.

You’re yummy with my brother.

You jump into my mouth.

I smile when I see you.
Oh sinigang,

you are amazing because you are soup.

And I like soup 'cause you can put anything in

and you’re sweet and sour.

You taste sweet and sour.

You feel hot, wet, and greasy.

And you look brown and green.

Oh sinigang, you are sweet, sour, and spicy.

Oh sinigang, you splash inside my bowl, like how I mix my hot chocolate.

I say to my dad, “You’re the best cook in the world.”

You are as wet as an ocean.

Thank you for warming up my body.
You *slish* and *slash* inside my bowl.

When I eat you, I say to my dad, “Dad, you’re the best cook in the world.”
Pineapple

Oh pineapple, you are sweet.

You are amazing because you can be turned into juice.

You’re sweet, sour, and yellow.

I said to my mom, “Get pineapple!”

Oh pineapple, you are yellow as the sun.

Pineapple, you are so sweet I can get cavities.

Thank you for being delicious.

Yesterday, I ate you and you were so refreshing!

So sweet and yummy!

You call my name when I’m about to eat you.

On a hot day, you are perfect to eat.

Pineapple, you are hot and happy.
Broccoli Is Bright

Oh broccoli, I first tasted you when I was six years old.

I felt impressed.

You are as old as old trees.

You taste delicious and yummy.

You smell sweet and you feel bumpy and wet.

Also you look small and bright.

Oh broccoli, you are as wet as oil.

Oh broccoli, you are as delicious as an orange.

Thank you for being so delicious and healthy.

Once, I was with my mom. Then I met you.

You looked so good and then I ate you.

You bug me in bed when you read me a story.

Oh broccoli, you are the size of a baseball.
You are big, bright, and beautiful.

Oh broccoli, when I hit you, I make a home run!
Apples Are So Good

Oh apple,

you are crunchy and healthy.

You make a big noise when I bite into you.

You taste very good like apple juice.

You are bright and large.

You can be red and green.

You are crunchy as a ball.

You are the best because you’re so crunchy.

Thank you for being cold and crunchy and tasty.

At lunch I ate you.

You were green, crunchy, and sour.

And you were crunchy.

“Oh snap, you’re so crunchy,” but there was only one apple.

I said to my mom, “Give me more!”
You whispered to me and said, “Can I follow you?”

Oh apple, you’re so good that when I go to sleep, I have to wake up and eat one thousand apples!

Yum, so crunchy!

I wish I had 999 billion apples so I could make a lot of apple pies.
I Love Fat Apples

Oh apple,

you have more kinds in the world than I have ever seen before in my life.

Yummy and good!

Chomp, splash.

You are shiny and crunchy.

You would never be old and expired forever,

and I would eat all the apples.

You are as red as a school or a building or a fire or a car.

Thank you because you are healthy and good.

You can be healthy by not being junk.

I ate you with my sister and you were still good, but some parts were expired in you.

You swim in the pool, splish splash, with my suit, and I suddenly wanna dive and dive hard.

I will eat apples instead of doing chores and fighting because apples are healthy, and they make me calm as a rainbow.
I’m in Love with My Tacos

Oh tacos, you are like a prize that I get for having good or bad days.

You are soft like me and my mom.

You taste so, so, so, sooooo delicious.

You are as greasy as someone’s face.

Oh tacos, you are as good as a rollercoaster.

My dad says, “I’m in love with my tacos, sour cream on my tacos.”

Oh tacos, thank you for filling my elephant trunk when it needs to be filled.

Oh tacos, when I ate you on my birthday, you made me fall fast asleep and wake up and sleep.

Oh tacos, when I see you, you make my mind go crazy.

Oh tacos, you are terrific, tasty, and delicious and tartar-il-licious.
Veggie Chips

Oh veggie chips, you are crunchy.

You’re amazing because you’re delicious and healthy.

I jump so high and I get so excited!

You taste like veggies.

You smell like carrots and potatoes and spinach.

You feel rough.

You look like a long rectangular prism.

Oh veggie chips, you are so crunchy, crispy, and crumbly!

Science says veggie chips are the best because they are made of vegetables.

Carrots are good for your eyes, and potatoes are good to eat, and spinach gives you fiber and helps you digest.

You are like healthy potato chips.

You are bumpy like a hilltop.
Thank you for being delicious, veggie chips.

You crunch and munch.

I ate you during kindergarten, veggie chips.

You danced like a chicken.

Veggie chips, you’re as chompy as a very big food winner.
Oh apples, I wish you would talk to me.
You are sweet and juicy.
You are circular and round.
You are hard and inside you are wet.
You are gold, green, and red.
You are gold as the color of a gold medal.
Thank you for letting me eat you.
I chomp apples all day long.
You roll in my mouth.
You are sweet and spicy, and watery and wonderful.
You are SO munchy when I eat you.
I chomp apples all day long.
“You are very sweet and cold,” said Chris.
Oh watermelon,

you are juicy.

You are sweet.

You taste good.

You smell sweet.

You feel light.

You look red.

You are as sweet as candy.

Thank you, watermelon, for letting us eat watermelon.

When I was at a party, I played with my cousin

and I ate you.

You cut yourself into slices.

“Can I have some?” my family asks.
You drip when I eat you, sounds like *thump*.

Watermelons splash when I bite them.

Oh wonderful watermelon, you make my day good.
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Ms Bagnol’s class
MR. BIERBRODT'S CLASS

You Rumble in My Bones
Oh salad,
you’re amazing because you have so many flavors,
you never taste plain on my tongue,
and you have a happy smile.
“Do you like that?” said my cousins.
You taste like a rainbow, smell healthy in my bowl, and feel funny and look happy like a smile.
Oh salad, you are fresh, fantastic, and flavorful.
You are as crunchy as a paper.
You are as colorful as a book.
Oh salad, you are so yummy that I would do anything for you.
Thanks, food, for making me healthy because if I didn’t eat you,
I wouldn’t be as healthy as you, and I wouldn’t move well, like how you move.
Oh salad, you are so yummy that I would do anything for you.
Oh salad, you are more green than anything else, just like a green Post-it Note.

I was having my fourth birthday and my parents cooked Caesar salad.

I tried you and looked at the people and drank the dressing.
The Magical Strawberry

Oh strawberry,

you are very refreshing on a hot, hot day.

You look like a queen because you wear a green crown.

You are so magical and juicy.

You are the best on a hot day.

Oh strawberry, you are small and red.

Oh strawberry, you are bumpy, wet, and cold.

Strawberry, you are so sweet, spectacular, and smooth.

You are refreshing as a mint.

You are so magical that you can appear anywhere.

Thank you for being delicious, juicy, and cold.

Spprrrrrt splish are the sounds that you make when I eat you.

I was at the beach on a hot day, and I was playing and you really refreshed me.
You march to my plate like ants do to their home.

You laugh when I put you in my mouth.

You are cute as a cat.
Me Talking About Blueberries

Oh blueberries,
first, you’re more sour then you’re sweet
(not sponsored by Sour Patch Kids).

I say, “You look like a ball but I will still eat you.”

You feel cold, and you taste sour and sweet.

You smell sweet.

You look like a blue ball, but small.

You are so good that I go crazy for Cocoa Puffs.

You are fresh as a river.

Thank you for tasting good.

Blueberries are nice, natural, and nutritious.

The last time I ate you was when the tutors came, and that was last week.

Oh blueberries, you are sweet as my mom.

Now I eat you, yum! Yum!
The Noodle Explores!

Oh noodles, you are the best because you make me less grumpy,

and you make me happy like a monkey jumping in a tree.

Noodles, you are lucky that my mom made you for her secret noodle recipe.

The second reason is that you make me feel like I am in Noodle Land.

“Oww, it's too hot. It burned my tongue,” I said.

You smell like heaven!

You are slippery, you taste salty, you smell fresh, and you look clean.

You are as slippery as a fish or a water balloon.

Oh noodle, if I didn't get to eat you, I would be begging for you for 100,000 years.

I am so lucky to have you as food.

I thank you for giving me some cool ideas to make.

Thank you for always making me feel better.
I have liked you ever since I was a little baby.

You made me better.

That’s why I am not so sick.

My mom made you so you can live.

You beg to not get eaten by me.

I wish you were part of my family and could live forever, but I might eat you when I am sleeping.

I could smell you.

Mmmm, delish.

When I eat you, I get so excited and yell so much and I say, “I am so happy.”
Pineapple

When I eat you, I crunch a little and splash.

When I eat you, you are always good and really delicious.

I like how you look like a spiky porcupine.

When I eat you, you sound like the beach.

You feel spiky when I touch you.

You taste refreshing and juicy.

You are as refreshing as a cold bath.
Tacos

Tacos, you are amazing because I can eat different kinds of you.

You look bright and small.

You sound quiet and rumbling.

You smell fresh and burnt.

You feel soft and hot.

You taste salty and chewy.

Oh tacos, you are as smooth as a soccer ball.

Oh tacos, you are as round as a world.

“Can I eat you?”

If you say no, I will still eat you at home.

Oh tacos, you are amazing because you’re from Mexico, just like me.
Turkey Bacon that I Love

Oh turkey bacon, you are so good because you are juicy and crunchy.

My friends banged on the dinner table when you were done.

You are white and red and rectangular and shiny.

You smell burnt and smoky.

You feel bumpy as the road.

Oh turkey bacon, you are flat as paper.

Oh turkey bacon, you are shiny as a light lamp.

You’re so shiny that when I look at you, you make me blind.

Thank you, turkey bacon, because you fill up my stomach and are a delicious dinner.

“Give me some!” my friends scream.

The time I ate you was when I went to Target.
We bought you and I ate you raw.

You scream, “Crunch! Crunch!” when I eat you.

You are so good, I could buy you a billion times.

Oh turkey bacon, when I bite in, you are crispy and crunchy.

And you are bright and bubbly when you are cooking.
The Juicy Fruit

Oh strawberry,

you are so juicy,

roundish.

I shouted when I ate you, “Mmmmmm!”

You are great because you’re sweet.

You’re as clean as wet dishes.

You are so good, I rub my belly.

Thank you for coming to my house so I can eat you.

You are the best.

Juice comes out of you, and I like it.

I was in my house eating you.

I said, “Yummm.”

And my mom said, “It was good.”
You are a red strawberry.

You are redder than my shirt.

You rumble in my bones before I eat you.

When I eat you, I feel excited.

I wish I could eat you every day.

Oh strawberry, when I munch you, I get energy and am stronger, running faster than everybody.
Bananas, you taste as sweet as honey.

When people eat you they say, “You’re yummy. I’m gonna wanna eat you infinity more times.”

You are as yellow as the sun.

You feel so smooth.

You taste so good and sweet as Hi-Chew.

You smell delicious.

You are as tall as a tree.

You are as smooth as a clean SUV.

Oh banana, when I eat you, you make me smile as wide as the world.

And you are as fresh as the air that you make people breathe.

I thank you for being tasty and letting me peel and eat you, so you can land in my stomach.
You are good 'cause you are so sweet and delicious like honey from bees.

When I was at home, I was waiting for my mom to cook dinner, so I ate you and watched YouTube.

You make me eat you all day.

I want one hundred of you so I can peel you and then cut you and eat you and say, “Yummy.”

Every time I eat you, you make me fall asleep with you.
Golden Tacos

Oh tacos, you are amazing because you are crunchy.

You are delicious.

You are greasy and round.

You are delicious.

Oh tacos, you are as hard as a turtle.

Thank you, tacos.

Every time I see Taco Bell,

I say, "Mom can we go?"

and she says, "Yes."

Then I run to Taco Bell.

You lead the way to my mouth.

Oh tacos, you are tasty, terrific, and tangy.

Tacos, you are so hard, you break metal.
Power to Strawberries

Oh strawberries, you are sweet and sour.

Also, you're juicy.

I say, “Yum,” because you are sour.

You taste good, you smell sweet, and you feel bumpy and look bumpy.

You are as red as the Golden Gate Bridge.

Thank you, strawberry, but why are you talking to me?

When I chomp you, you drip down my hands.

You are the best because you are juicy and sweet.

Oh strawberry, I enjoyed eating you at my house with my mom.

You shouted, “Help!” because I was going to eat you.

Sweet strawberries, you are the best I eat.

You are better than my life.
You are the best in the world.

You are sweeter than an apple, a green apple.

Sweet and sour strawberries, you’re smooth.
Oh grapes,

you are amazing because when you freeze, you're hard but you're still good.

Crunch.

I cheerlead and dance while you’re in a bowl.

You are yummy and cute and you have a color and you’re juicy.

You're sweet, you’re cold, and you’re soft.

Crunch.

You taste fantastic and sweet.

You are as cold as a popsicle.

You are as purple as a popsicle.

I thank you because I like to talk to popsicles.

I thank myself for eating you.
When I was five, I started eating cherries and grapes.

I felt full, but I was happy.

When my dad got home, I wanted to put you away and I wished there were more of you.

When you were talking to me, you said, “Thank you for eating me.”

You are bursting, beautiful, and bright.
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MS. RAMILO’S CLASS

You Wear Your Green
Crown like a Queen
CE’MYAH BACCHUS

Watermelonnn!

You are amazing because you’re super sweet and juicy.

You are round and large.

You are as red as a red velvet cake.

Thank you for being so good.

I ate you on my birthday in Los Angeles with my family.

Once I ate you in a minute, and you raced to my mouth.

You are as smooth as my dog, Oreo.
Pakwan

Kamangha mangha ka dahil matamis at makatas ka.

Ikaw ay mabilog at malaki.

Ikaw ay kasing pula ng velvet keyk.

Salamat sa pagiging masarap.

Kinain kita noong kaarawan ko sa Los Angeles kasama ang aking familya.

Sa minutong kinain kita, tumakbo ka sa aking bibig.

Kasing kinis mo ang aking aso na si Oreo.
Crunchy and Crumbly Chicken

You are as sticky as a candy and as soft as a pillow.

And that’s why you’re amazing.

You are as brown as dirt.

You smell spicy and sour.

You are as large as a house.

When I cook you, you are hissing like fire.

Oh chicken, I could eat you for millions of days.

You are sticky as a chocolate chip cookie.

You are as salty as donuts.

Oh chicken, you make me dance for a hundred hours.
Thank you for being salty and delicious.

You are crunchy, crumbly, and crispy.

You are awesome because you are salty and crunchy.

Whenever mom and grandma make you, I feel excited.

You are happy when I put flavor on you,

flavors like ginger, salt, and vinegar.

You stretch like trees when I eat you.

You dance in my belly.

You sound crunchy like a chocolate chip cookie.
Manok

Ikaw ay kasing lagkit ng candy at kasing lambot ng unan.

Kaya ikaw ay kamangha-mangha.

Ikaw ay kayumanggi na parang dumi.

Ikaw ay amoy maanghang at maasim.

Ikaw ay kasing laki ng bahay.

Kapag niluto kita, ikaw ay parang nagliliyab na apoy.

Ay manok, kaya kitang kainin ng milyong-milyon na araw.

Ikaw ay malagkit na tulad ng tsokolateng cookie.

Ikaw ay maalat na parang donut.

Ay manok, pinapasayaw mo ako ng isang daang oras.
Salamat sa pagiging maalat at masarap.

Ikaw ay malutong at marupok.

Ikaw ay kamangha-mangha dahil ikaw ay maalat at malutong.

Kapag si Nanay at si Lola ang nagluto, ako ay nasasabik.

Ikaw ay sumasaya kapag binigyan kita ng pampalasa,

mga lasang tulad ng luya, asin at suka.

Ikaw ay humahaba na parang puno kapag kinakain kita.

Ikaw ay sumasayaw sa aking tiyan.

Ikaw ay kasing tunog ng lutong ng isang tsokolateng cookie.
You are amazing because you sometimes are sour and I like sour.

When I ate you, you sounded like crunch.

You smell so fresh and sweet.

You are small, red, cold, and wet.

I love you because you make me healthy and happy.

You are as red as a ball.

You are as small as an eraser.

I say, “Yummy,” whenever my dad gives me a strawberry.

Thank you, strawberry, for making me healthy.

You are the best because you’re refreshing and juicy.
I was playing and eating you with my friend.

You sang a beautiful song before I put you in my mouth.

Strawberry, you are as cute as a cat, and I love you as I love cats.

I can’t wait for you to bounce around my mouth again.
Ikaw ay kamangha-mangha dahil minsan ikaw ay maasim at ako ay mahilig sa maasim.

Noong kinain ko ang makatas na presa, lutong ang maririnig sa iyo.

Ikaw ay amoy sariwa at matamis.

Ikaw ay maliit, mapula, malamig at makatas.

Mahal kita dahil ikaw ay nagpapasaya at nagpapasustansya sa akin.

Ikaw ay kasing pula ng bola.

Ikaw ay kasing liit ng pambura.

“Sarap” ang aking bukambibig, kapag binigyan ako ng presa ng aking Ama.
Salamat, presa, dahil ikaw ay nagpapasutansya sa akin.

Ikaw ang pinaka magaling dahil ikaw ay makatas and sariwa.

Ako ay kumain ng presa habang naglalaro kasama ang aking kaibigan.

Ikaw ay kumanta ng isang magandang awitin bago kita ipinasok sa aking bibig.

Presa, ikaw ay kasing kyut ng isang pusa at ang pagmamahal ko sayo ay katumbas ng aking pagmamahal sa pusa.

Hihintayin ko ang muli mong pagdapo sa aking bibig.
The Delightful Raspberry

You are sour and sweet.

I scream for your deliciousness, “I LOVE RASPBERRIES!”

You are refreshing, bumpy, reddish, and flowery.

You are as red as a sunset.

Thank you for deliciousness!

When you were in the market, I saw you everywhere in the aisle,

so I went to buy you. I begged my mom and dad, “PLEASE!”

Raspberries beg me to eat them.

Oh raspberry, you’re so reddish.

I could stay awake staring at your color for a hundred million days.
Ikaw ay maasim at matamis.

Sinisigaw ko ang iyong pagkasarap, “MAHAL KO ANG PRAMBUWESAS!”

Ikaw ay nakakasariwa, mabilog, mapula at mala bulaklak.

Ikaw ay kasing pula ng lumulubog na araw.

Salamat sa iyong pagkasarap!

Noong ikaw ay nasa palengke, halos nakita kita sa bawa’t sulok,

kaya binili kita. Ako ay nagmakaawa sa aking mga magulang, “PAKUAUSAP!”

Ang prambuwesas ay nagmakaawa saakin na aking kainin.

Hay prambuwesas, ikaw ay napaka pula.

Laging gising sa pagtutok sa iyong kulay magpakailanman
The Salty and Sour Sinigang

Oh sinigang, you make me cry for a hundred hours.

I like you because you are sour and salty.

Oh sinigang, you are as sour as Sour Patch Kids.

Oh sinigang, you are as salty as the ocean.

You look like a pond of veggies.

You are as hot as a heater.

You are as brown as a chicken.

You bubble when we cook you.

Thank you because you are very tasty.

I like you. You are so sour.
When I eat you, I slurp you.

When I go to my grandma’s house, she says, “Do you want food?”

I say, “Yes!”

Oh sinigang, you splash your arms around when we cook you in the pot with potatoes, bok choy, and tomatoes.

Sinigang, you are the best because you are good for sickness.

I wish to float in a pool of sinigang.

I eat you whenever I float.

Whenever I smell you, I want to eat you really fast like a race car.
Sinigang

Hay sinigang, lagi mo akong pinapaiyak ng isang daang oras.

Gusto kita dahil ikaw ay maasim at maalat.

Hay sinigang, ikaw ay kasing asim ng Sour Patch Kids.

Hay sinigang, ikaw ay kasing alat ng tubig dagat.

Ikaw ay parang lawa ng mga gulay.

Ikaw ay kasing init ng makina na pampainit.

Ikaw ay kasing kayumangi ng manok.

Ikaw ay bumubula kapag niluluto.

Salamat dahil ikaw ay malasa.

Gusto kita. Ikaw ay maasim.
Kapag kinain kita, ikaw ay aking sinisipsip.

Kapag ako ay namamasyal sa bahay ni lola, sabi nya “Gusto mo ba ng pagkain?”

Ang sagot ko naman ay, “Opo!”

Hay sinigang, mga braso mong nagwawagayway kapag ikaw ay niluto kasama ang mga patatas, petchay at kamatis.

Sinigang, ikaw ang pinaka magaling dahil ikaw ay maganda para sa may mga sakit.

Sana kaya kong lumutang sa dagat ng sinigang.

Kinakain kita kapag ako ay lumulutang.

Kapag ikaw ay aking nalalanghap, gusto kitang kainin ng mabilis na parang kotseng pangkarera.
All About Broccoli

You’re amazing because you’re alive and you tell me to eat you.

You’re crunchy and juicy.

You feel like a tree.

You’re green as a leaf.

You’re like a tiny forest.

Broccoli, you give me energy to play *Fortnite* for a whole year.

Thank you for making me happy.

You’re nutritious.

You’re natural.

You’re nice.
I ate you when I was in preschool for the first time.

You told me to eat you.

You are amazing because you’re nice and delicious.

Oh broccoli, you make my dinner delicious.
Brokuli

Ikaw ay kamangha manga dahil ikaw ay buhay at lagi mong sinasabi saakin na dapat kitang kainin.

Ikaw ay malutong and makatas.

Para kang isang puno.

Ikaw ay kasing berde ng isang dahon.

Ikaw ay parang isang maliit na gubat.

Brokuli, ikaw ay nagbibigay saakin ng lakas para maglaro ng *Fortnite* buong taon.

Salamat dahil pinapasaya mo ako.

Ikaw ay masustansya.

Ikaw ay natural.

Ikaw ay maganda.
Una kitang kinain noong ako ay nasa preschool pa lamang.

Sinabi mo saakin na dapat kitang kainin.

Ikaw ay kamangha mangha dahil ikaw ay maganda at masarap.

Hay brokuli, pinapasarap mo ang aking hapunan.
Strawberry

I say, “Delicious” when I eat my favorite food.

Oh strawberry, I eat you when I play Fortnite and keep getting energy and a lot of Victory Royale.

You're pretty like an apple and cold as ice.

You're so good that I say, “YUMMY!” whenever I play Fortnite.

Thank you because you're tasty.

Oh strawberry, you're fresh, flavourful, and fruity.

I eat you at my home with my sister.

My sister says, “You're yummy!”

Thank you because you're here.

Hay presa, kinakain kita kapag ako ay naglalaro ng Fortnite at binibigyan mo ako ng enerhiya at maraming Victory Royale.

Maganda ka na parang mansanas at malamig ka na parang yelo.

Ang galing mo dahil napapasigaw ako, “SARAP!” kapag ako ay naglalaro ng Fortnite.

Salamat dahil ikaw ay malasa.

Hay presa, ikaw ay sariwa, malasa at maprutas.

Kinakain kita sa bahay kasama ang aking Ate.

“Masarap ka!” sabi ng Ate ko.

Salamat dahil nandito ka.
Sinigang Lover

Oh sinigang, you’re meaty and magnificent.

Oh sinigang, you drip before I even eat you.

You look gross, but you smell so yummy.

You feel like…I DON’T KNOW!

You’re as green as a green crayon.

I said, “OOF! My food!”

You’re as crunchy as the rice.

You’re as fat as Chunkies.

Thank you for making my belly full.

Oh, I love you so much that I almost could not eat you.
I ate you at 3:00 a.m. when I was in a bathtub.

You said, “Hi human, eat me!”

Sinigang, I wish you were alive, so you could be my best friend.
Hay sinigang, ikaw ay malaman at kahanga hanga.

Hay sinigang, ikaw ay tumutulo bago pa man kitang kainin.

Nakakadiri ang iyong itsura, pero masarap naman ang iyong amoy.

Para kang…EWAN!

Kasing berde mo ang berdeng krayola.

Ang sabi ko, “OOF Ang aking pagkain!”

Kasing lutong mo ang kanin.

Kasing taba mo ang Chunkies.

Salamat dahil pinupuno mo ang aking sikmura.

Hay, mahal kita at halos di kita makain dahil sa sobra kong pagmamahal sa iyo.
Kinain kita sa oras ng 3:00 a.m. noong ako ay nasa banyo.

Ang sabi mo, “Kumusta, kainin mo ako!”

Sinigang, sana ikaw ay buhay, para ikaw ay aking maging matalik na kaibigan.
My Blue Poem

You are sweet and sour.

You are cold and as blue as the sky.

You are as round as a basketball.

Thank you for your deliciousness.

I ate you when you were dry, delicious, and delightful.

You beg to be eaten.

Oh blueberry, you are so good, blue, and taste like heaven.

I would eat you instead of cake, and I would eat two million of you!
Kapuri sa Blueberry

Ikaw ay matamis at maasim.

Ikaw ay malamig at maasul na parang langit.

Ikaw ay kasing bilog ng basketbol.

Salamat sa iyong pagkasarap.

Kinain kita noong oras na ikaw ay matuyo, masarap at nakakalugod.

Nagmamakaawa ka na kainin ka.

Hay blueberry, ikaw ay napaka sarap at napaka asul na parang langit.

Mas nais kitang kainin kaysa sa keyk, at kaya kong kainin ang dalawang milyong ikaw!
Strawberry

You make me strong and healthy.

You are sweet and juicy.

Oh strawberries, you are so juicy.

Oh strawberries, you are as pink and green as my nails.

Thank you for letting me eat you.

Once, I was in my room eating you.

You wore your green crown like a queen.
Ikaw ay nagpapalakas at nagpapasustansya sa akin.

Ikaw ay matamis at makatas.

Hay presa, ikaw ay makatas.

Hay presa, ikaw ay kulay rosas at berde tulad ng aking mga kuko.

Salamat dahil pinapakain mo ang sarili mo sa akin.

Minsan, nasa kwarto ako at kinakain kita.

Sinuot mo ay berdeng korona na parang isang reyna.
My Blue Poem

You are great because you are round.
You make a crunch sound when I bite you.
You are cold and sweet.
You are as round as a basketball.
I scream, “You’re delicious!”

Thank you for being in my milkshake.
Blueberry, you’re so yummy I could eat one million of you.
I remember when I bought you with my mom.
You floated on my oatmeal!
I would rather have you than watermelon.
Kapuri sa Blueberry

Ikaw ay kamangha mangha dahil mabilog ka.
Ikaw ay naglalabas ng tunog na malutong kapag kinagat kita.
Ikaw ay malamig at matamis.
Ikaw ay parang hugis bola ng basketbol.
Sinigaw ko, “Masarap ka!”

Salamat dahil ikaw ay parte ng aking milkshake.
Blueberry, napakasarap mo kaya kong kainin ang isang milyong ikaw.
Natatandaan ko noong una kitang binila kasama ang aking Ina.
Lumutang ka sa aking oatmeal!
Mas gugustuhin kitang kainin kaysa sa pakwan.
Outstanding Orange

You are juicy and you are healthy and tasty.

You feel hard, and you are as orange as a marker.

Can I have you scream for my attention?

You are as quiet as a sewer.

Oh orange, you are so tasty that I could fit two million of you in my mouth.

Thank you for being juicy and wet in my mouth.

You are enjoyable and excellent to eat.

I remember my mom gave me an orange.

You beg me to eat you, and you dream of me eating you.

I would rather have you than pizza.
Dalanghita

Ikaw ay makatas, masustansya at masarap.

Ikaw ay matigas at kasing kulay mo ang isang marker.

Pwede mo bang isigaw ang aking attention?

Ikaw ay tahimik na parang kanal.

Hay dalanghita, sa sarap mo ay kaya kong ikasya ang dalawang milyong ikaw sa aking bibig.

Salamat sa pagiging makatas sa aking bibig.

Ikaw ay nakakaengganyo at mahusay kainin.

Natatandaan ko ang aking Ina na nagbigay saakin ng dalanghita.

Ikaw ay nagmakaawa na kainin kita, at pinaginipan mo ako na kainin kita.

Mas gugustuhin kita kay sa pizza.
Watermelon

Oh watermelon, you are so juicy.
You are fresh, fruity, and flavorful.
Oh you are so crunchy. You are as sweet as sweet sugar.
Thank you for being so fresh and fruity.
Hay pakwan, napaka katas mo.

Ikaw ay sariwa, maprutás and malasa.

Hay napaka lutong mo, ikaw ay matamis na parang asukal.

Salamat sa pagiging sariwa at maprutás.
You are sweet and juicy.

You are as yellow as a banana.

People scream about corn, “Yummy, yummy, yummy corn!”

You smell like a farm.

You taste sweet like candy.

You feel like brains.

When I eat you, you crunch.

When I eat you, you go slurp and chop.

I ate you by the farm in the Philippines with my family.

I chewed really fast, so I could beat my uncle.
Oh corn, you slide in nilaga.

You crunch in my mouth.

You float in seasoning.

Calming, cool corn.

Crunchy, crumbly corn.

I love you.
Kapuri ng Mais

Ikaw ay matamis at makatas.

Ikaw ay kasing dilaw ng saging.

Sumisigaw ang mga tao dahil sa mais, “Sarap, sarap, sarap ng mais!”

Ikaw ay amoy probinsya.

Matamis ka na parang kendi.

Para kang utak.

Kapag ako ay kumain ng main, maririnig mo ang lutong nito.

Kapag ako ay kumakain ng mais, ito ay naglalabas ng tunog *slurp* and *chop*.

Kinain kita sa probinsya sa Pilipinas kasama ang aking pamilya.
Mabilis akong kumain, dahil gusto kong talunin ang aking tiyo.

Hay mais, napupunta ka sa aking nilaga.

Malutong ka sa aking bibig.

Lumulutang ka sa lasa.

Kalmadong mais.

Malutong na mais.

Mahal kita.
Watermelon Dreams

You’re amazing because you’re fresh and juicy.

Your colors remind me of Christmas.

You smell like ice cream and taste like macaroons.

Also, you feel like a drum.

You are like a present because inside you is a treasure.

Watermelon, you say, “Splash, slish, and drip,” when I eat you.

I’m so happy that I hop to the other side of the world.

Watery, wonderful watermelon.

“Ohhh, so fresh,” I say.

Thank you, watermelon, for good times.
At a BBQ party, you flew into my mouth.

You also carried seeds.

Woah, watermelon.
Kapuri sa Pakwan

Ikaw ay kamangha-mangha dahil ikaw ay sariwa at makatas.

Ang iyong kulay ay nagpapaalala sa akin ng Pasko.

Ang amoy mo ay parang sorbetes at ang lasa mo ay parang macaroons.

Atsaka, para kang tambol.

Para kang regalo dahil sa loob ay isa kang kayamanan.

Pakwan, sabi mo “Splash, slish, at drip,” noong kinain kita.

Ang saya ko at napapatalon ako sa ibang parte ng mundo.

Makatas, magandang pakwan.

“Hayyy, ang sariwa,” sabi ko.

Salamat, pakwan, sa mga magagandang ala-ala.
Sa okasyon ng BBQ party, lumipad ka sa aking bibig.

Dinala mo rin ang mga buto.

Woah, pakwan.
Princess Strawberry

You are very juicy and as fresh as a mint.

I love eating you because you are as sweet as a lollipop.

I beg you as a hungry dog.

You are as red and as tiny as a bee.

You are as quiet as a spider.

You are as cold as ice cream.

Oh strawberry, you smell fresh and sweet.

Oh strawberry, you are as giant as a castle.

You are very delicious and make me feel like a princess.

Oh strawberry, you are as red as a clown’s nose.

Oh strawberry, you are as quiet as an ant.

Oh strawberry, you are enjoyable, excellent, and extraordinary.
Thank you, strawberry, for being so tasty.

*Munch! Munch! Munch!* You are juicy.

I remember when I ate you in the kitchen.

You take a bath in the chocolate fountain.

You call my name when I’m eating you.

I love strawberries and hope to eat you everyday.
Ikaw ay napaka katas at napakasariwa na parang menta.

Gustong gusto kitang kainin dahil ikaw ay matamis na parang lollipop.

Ako ay nagmakaawa na parang isang gutom na aso.

Ikaw ay kasing pula ng at kasing liit ng bubuyog.

Ikaw ay tahimik na parang gagamba.

Ikaw ay malamig na parang sorbetes.

Hay presa, napakasariwa at napaka tamis ng iyong amoy.

Hay presa, ikaw ay malaki na parang kastilyo.

Ikaw ay napaka sarap at napaparamdam mo sa akin ang pagiging prinsesa.

Hay presa, ikaw ay kasing pula ng ilong ng isang clown.

Hay presa, ikaw ay tahimik na parang langgam.

Hay presa, ikaw ay nakakaengganyo at nakakamangha.
Salamat, presa, dahil ikaw ay malasa.

*Munch! Munch! Munch!* Ang presa ay napaka-katas.

Natatandaan ko noong una kitang kinain sa kusina.

Ikaw ay naliligo sa tsokolateng talon.

Tinatawag mo ang aking pangalan kapag ikaw ay aking kinakain.

Mahal ko ang presa at pinapanalangin ko na pwede kitang kainin araw araw.
Sweet Mango

You’re so amazing because you are juicy and tasty.

Oh mango, you are rare and remarkable.

You taste delicious.

You smell sweet.

You feel smooth and slippery.

You look large and round.

You are as yellow as a sun.

You are as yellow as a crayon box.

Mango, I thank you when I swallow you in my throat because you are delicious, tasty, and sweet.
I ate you in the Philippines with my sister on a hot day in the dining room.

You slipped when I washed you in my hands.

You were sad because I was going to cut you.

Mango, you are good to eat,

but I cannot eat you every day.
Mangga

Ikaw ay kamangha mangha dahil ikaw ay makatas at malasa.

Hay mangga, ikaw ay bihira at nakakabilib.

Ikaw ay masarap.

Matamis ang iyong amoy.

Napaka-kutis at napaka-dulas mo.

Malaki at mabilog ang iyong itsura.

Ikaw ay kasing dilaw ng araw.

Ikaw ay kasing dilaw ng krayola.

Mangga, salamat sa tuwing ikaw ay aking nilulunok dahil ikaw ay masarap, malasa at matamis.
Kinain kita sa Pilipinas kasama ang aking ate sa mainit na araw doon sa aming kusina.

Ikaw ay dumudulas sa aking mga kamay sa tuwing hinuhugasan kita.

Ikaw ay malungkot dahil hihiwain kita.

Mangga, ikaw ay masarap kainin pero hindi kita pwedeng kainin araw araw.
Sweet, Sour, Perfect, Yummy, Excellent Strawberry!

You’re so sweet!

Strawberry, I could eat one million of you in a minute.

You’re red.

You’re smooth.

You’re green.

Your shape is like a pizza.

“Can you please give me more?”

You are the best food because you’re sweet and sour like mango.

Thank you for being healthy.

When I eat you, I munch you.
I eat you all over the world.

You're sweet like my family.

You are sweet, watery, lovely, juicy, and delicious.

Oh strawberry, so sweet, so scrumptious.
Ikaw ay napakatamis!

Presa, kaya kong kainin ang isang milyong ikaw sa isang minuto.

Ikaw ay mapula.

Ikaw ay makinis.

Ikaw ay kulay berde.

Ang hugis mo ay parang pizza.

“Pwede mo pa ba akong bigyan?”

Ikaw ang pinaka masarap dahil ikaw ay matamis at maasim na parang mangga.

Salamat sa pagiging masustansya.

Kapag ikaw ay aking kinain, kinakagat kita.
Kinakain kita sa iba't ibang parte ng mundo.

Ikaw ay matamis na parang aking pamilya.

Ikaw ay matamis, makatas, mapagmahal, at masarap.

Hay presa, sobrang tamis, napakaningning.
Art by
Ms. Ramilo’s class
SINIGANG

Watermelon

Leche Flan

Shark

Sun
MR. SUHRE’S CLASS

Everyone on Earth
Oh mango,
you smell good and taste good.
My grandma buys you and you are good!
Oh mango, you are as good as Fortnite and
as sweet as my grandma when she gives me popsicles.
You are an oval, yellow and green.
You taste sweet like a popsicle.
Oh mango, you make me sleep for thirty billion days!
You are as good as candy and Warheads.
Thank you for being sweet and bright yellow,
but I want you to be green!
When I was at my grandma’s, I ate you!
She ate you up
and gave you to me and said, “Eat!”

When I ate you, you made me hit the, “Whoa!”

When I eat you, you’re good.

You laugh in my mouth!

You trick people by dressing up like a sweet candy bar!
Red and Green

Oh watermelon, you are as big as two feet,
and you are amazing as red and green.
You taste juicy and smell like nothing.
I chomp on you like a shark.
Oh watermelon, you are huge and heavy.
Oh watermelon, thank you for letting me eat you.
You remind me of a big ostrich egg.
You dance in *Fortnite* because you’re happy!
Pointy Orange

Oh carrot, you are crunchy like a cookie.

You are juicy like a watermelon.

You’re like a drum stick, like

*boom boom*.

Oh carrot, I love you.

You are as orange as a pencil case.

One time, I went to my sister’s house and I smelled you, and you smelled like you were from the barn.

He got you out of my bag and then got all the carrots and pushed you in the pot and he made carrot cake.

And he made chocolate cake and made a pizza and said, “We can have a pizza party!”

Oh carrots, you’re fresh.
The Crunchy Watermelon!

Oh watermelon, you are amazing because you are juicy.

Watermelon, you look green and round.

You are smooth and cold.

You are crunchy and juicy.

Oh watermelon, you are enjoyable, excellent, and enormous.

Oh watermelon, you are sweet as a candy.

Thank you for being super crunchy and making me happy.

Oh watermelon, you are so juicy and delicious that I could eat you a thousand times.

I was in my red sofa eating a watermelon.

It was so hot that you refreshed me!

I ate a watermelon and I said, “Give me more!”

Yum, yum.
You joke in my mouth.

You are crunchy because you taste good.

You are amazing because you are sweet and so juicy.

Yum.

I love watermelons.
Delicious Watermelon

Oh watermelon,
you make me smile when I eat you because you are so sweet.

You are as red as a rose.

You taste as juicy as a candy.

You smell as sweet as a sweet candy.

You crunch as much as a hard candy.

Oh watermelon, you are sweet as my baby brother.

Thank you for making me happy.

“You are so delicious,” I said.

I ate you on Monday and you were so sweet.

You are enjoyable and extraordinary.

You bring the red Kool-Aid from inside of me.
You are so amazing.

You are so sweet.

You make my lips as bright as the world.
Cute Dragonfruit

Oh dragonfruit,
you are juicy.

You look as pink as my water bottle.

People munch you.

You are the color pink and I like pink.

Oh dragonfruit, you can jump off my plate.

You are spiky as a porcupine.

I’m thanking you because you are so good and super.

You smell so fresh.

I get you at the store with my mom.

You make a crunch sound when I eat you.

You swim in my Starbucks drink.

“Is that dragonfruit juicy?” people say.
Oh dragonfruit, I will eat you instead of water.

You are juicy and jolly.
Rich Ramen

Oh ramen,

you are yellow and yummy.

You are long and straight.

You are straight as a line.

Thank you, food,

for getting

in my belly.

At my grandpa's job, I ate you.

I said, “Thank you, Grandpa.”

I am happy when I eat you.

You are yummy and yellow.

When I see you, I wave my arms everywhere,

and people say, “Can I get some?”

Everyone on Earth loves ramen.
Oh dal and roti,  
you taste like nothing else.  
You taste like soup with beans.  
You feel like a gooey blob.  
You smell like yellow beans.  
You taste better than candy but not sweet.  
Dal and roti, when you are combined, you are as smooth as paper and cardboard.  
Thank you for being so delicious and friends with other ingredients.  
I remember when I made you with my mom.  
Roti, you plow the dal into my mouth.  
You taste like a soup with beans.  
Roti, I rip you like you are paper.  
My mouth says, “Keep on coming.”
My stomach says, “Stop.”

Roti, when I eat you, you make the sound *crunch*.

I can eat you until I’m seventy, nonstop.

You are the best,

and you taste like nothing else in the entire galaxy.
Oh Quesadilla

Oh quesadilla, you are fantastic and fizzy and fresh
and you are so juicy.

You taste like a sandwich,
but you are not a sandwich.

You are as round as a ball.

You are soft as a ball of fluff,
and you taste as good as grapes.

You are tasty as healthy juice after I ride my bike.

Thank you for letting me eat you
and for being easy to make.

Oh quesadilla,
you are so delicious and so beautiful.

You could make me run around the wide world.

You let me eat you at lunch time or dinner time.
My dad tells me to sit at the table, 
and then my mom calls my name, 
and she gives me a quesadilla. 
And I say, “Thank you, Mama.” 
Oh quesadilla, you are like a dream. 
You ask me to eat you! 
You are the best thing ever! 
You are so oily and outstanding. 
When I eat my quesadilla, I hear a crunch 
and I hear a gobble!
The Watermelon in the Bowl

Oh watermelon,
you always chew in my mouth
and you are the sweetest.

I say, “You’re beautiful, sweet, and amazing!”

You taste sweet.

You smell like juice.

You are red, yummy, and round.

You are as round as an orange.

I say, “Isn’t this yummy?”

Watermelons are amazing!

You are as sweet as cantaloupe.

“Crunch, crunch. Yum, yum,” says the watermelon.

Thank you for being super sweet and yummy!
Watermelon, I eat you all day long and night and day.

Yesterday my church had a party and I ate you.

You were sweet and yummy!

I ran with you and I fell, but I kept you in the air.

Watermelon, you roll over my table.

Watery watermelon, you are wonderful.

I can’t wait to eat you again.

I love watermelon!
Oh dragonfruit,

you are my favorite because I can throw you

in the air like a Chuck E. Cheese ball.

You are crunchy and juicy and sweet.

And you are spiky as a porcupine.

My sister thinks you are a monster.

You are colorful as a rainbow.

Thank you for being playful

and crunchy and sweet and juicy.

Fruits and dragons and dreams

about flying to an island with gold and toys.

LOL.
Oh Rich, Raw Kiwi

Oh kiwi, you’re rich, raw, spectacular, organic, delightful, chewy, sour, and sweet.

Oh kiwi, you taste like lemonade, and you look like a bouncy, green, baby ball.

Oh kiwi, you’re as furry as a puppy.

Oh kiwi, you’re so sour as a volcano and you erupt like a volcano. Boom!

Oh kiwi, thank you for tasting sour and sweet.

Oh kiwi, the first time I ate you was when I was seven.

Oh and kiwi, you are sweet but sour to me.

Oh kiwi, you make me happy when you bounce and I peel you and taste you.

You taste sour and sweet.
Oh kiwi, you remind me of a kiwi bird, but you are round, sweet, sour,
and I can't eat a kiwi bird but I could eat you.
Okay, kiwi, one last thing is that you are healthy and sweet.
You the best.
Art by
Mr. Suhre’s class
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Who we are and what we do

826 Valencia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting under-resourced students ages six to eighteen with their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Our services are structured around the understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success.

826 Valencia comprises three writing centers—located in San Francisco’s Mission District, Tenderloin neighborhood, and Mission Bay—and three satellite classrooms at nearby schools. All of our centers are fronted by kid-friendly, weird, and whimsical stores, which serve as portals to learning and gateways for the community. All of our programs are offered free of charge. Since we first opened our doors in 2002, thousands of volunteers have dedicated their time to working with tens of thousands of students.

Programs

FIELD TRIPS

Classes from public schools around San Francisco visit our writing centers for a morning of high-energy learning about the craft of storytelling. Four days a week, our Field Trips produce bound, illustrated books and professional-quality podcasts, infusing creativity, collaboration, and the arts into students’ regular school day.
IN-SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

We bring teams of volunteers into high-need schools around the city to support teachers and provide one-on-one assistance to students as they tackle various writing projects, including newspapers, research papers, oral histories, and more. We have a special presence at Buena Vista Horace Mann K–8, Everett Middle School, and Mission High School, where we staff dedicated Writers' Rooms throughout the school year.

AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING

During the school year, 826 Valencia’s centers are packed five days a week with neighborhood students who come in after school and in the evenings for tutoring in all subject areas, with a special emphasis on creative writing and publishing. During the summer, these students participate in our Exploring Words Summer Camp, where we explore science and writing through projects, outings, and activities in a super fun, educational environment.

WORKSHOPS

826 Valencia offers workshops designed to foster creativity and strengthen writing skills in a wide variety of areas, from playwriting to personal essays to starting a zine. All workshops, from the playful to the practical, are project-based and are taught by experienced, accomplished professionals. Over the summer, our Young Authors’ Workshop provides an intensive writing experience for high-school-age students.
COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

We offer a roster of programs designed to help students get into college and be successful there. Every year, we grant several $20,000 scholarships to college-bound seniors, provide one-on-one support to two hundred students via the Great San Francisco Personal Statement Weekend, and partner with ScholarMatch to offer college access workshops to the middle- and high-school students in our tutoring programs. We also offer internships, peer tutoring stipends, and career workshops to our youth leaders.

PUBLISHING

Students in all of 826 Valencia’s programs have the ability to explore, experience, and celebrate themselves as writers in part because of our professional-quality publishing. In addition to the book you’re holding, 826 Valencia publishes newspapers, magazines, chapbooks, podcasts, and blogs—all written by students.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

From the beginning, 826 Valencia’s goal has been to support teachers. We aim to both provide the classroom support that helps our hardworking teachers meet the needs of all our students and to celebrate their important work. Every month, we receive letters from students, parents, and educators nominating outstanding teachers for our Teacher of the Month award, which comes with a $1,500 honorarium. Know an SFUSD teacher you want to nominate? Guidelines can be found at 826valencia.org.
About YBCA

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts is one of the nation’s most innovative arts institutions. Founded in 1993 as the cultural anchor of San Francisco’s Yerba Buena Gardens development, YBCA’s work spans the realms of contemporary art, civic engagement, and public life. By using culture as an instrument for social change, YBCA is reimagining the role an arts institution can play in the community it serves.

YBCA’s Youth Arts Programs are supported by grants from the Walter & Elise Haas Fund, The Bernard Osher Foundation, Wells Fargo Foundation, The Kimball Foundation, Anonymous, Verizon, Koret Foundation, California Arts Council, The Sato Foundation, Macy’s, and The MCJ Amelior Foundation.

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Through a collaboration between 826 Valencia, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, Precita Eyes Muralists, and Bessie Carmichael Elementary School, third graders explored the power of odes and the fun of using simile, hyperbole, and personification to describe their favorite healthy foods. From dreamy dragon fruit and satisfying sinigang, to scrumptious strawberries and magnificent mangoes, our students reflect on the special flavors, family memories, and nutritional qualities that make their cherished foods worth celebrating.

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