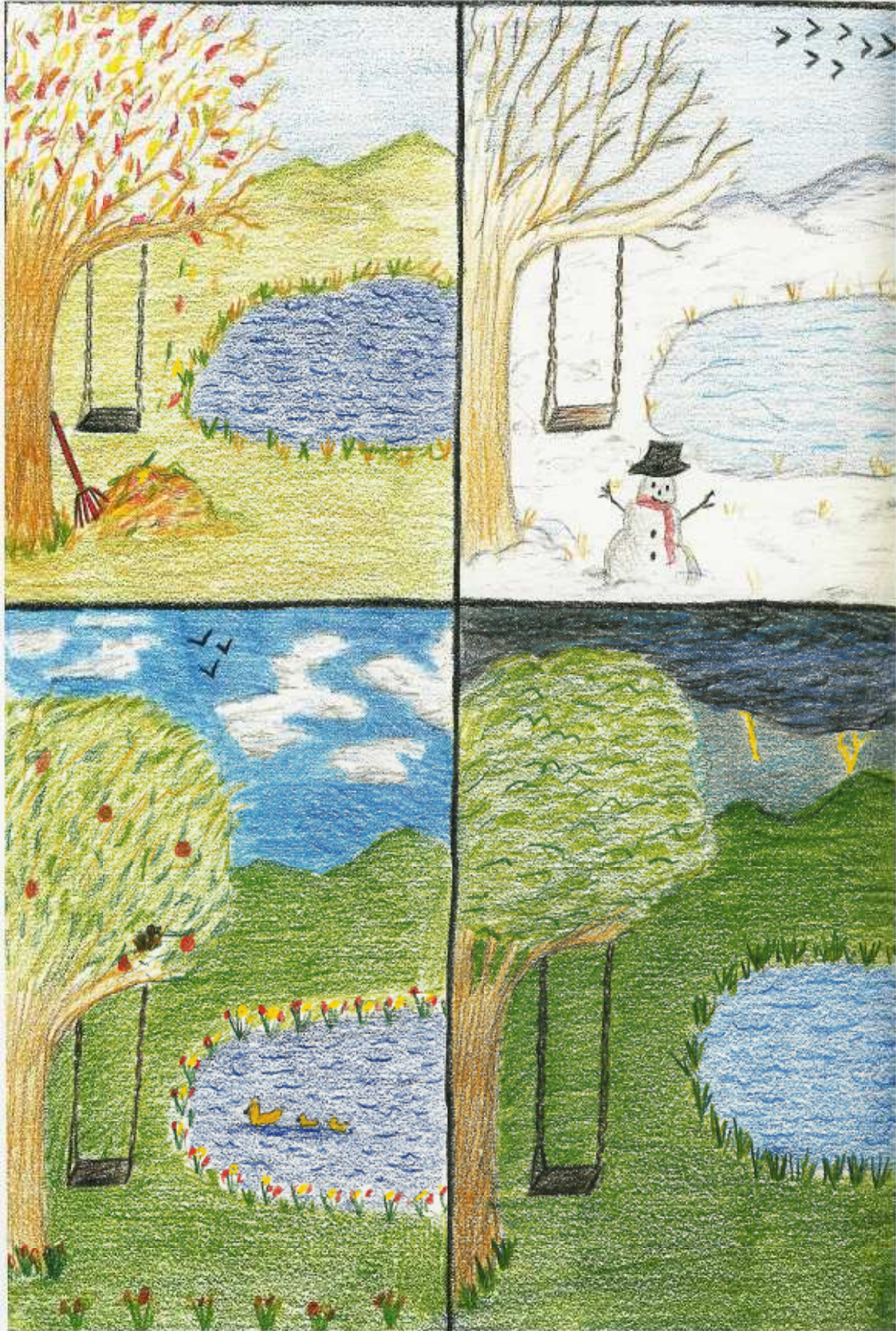


Remember when I told you I was born in South America? Well, I moved away for a while, but I moved back to Peru when I was in third grade. A large part of Peru is the Amazon Rain Forest. The jungle is large, hot, very rainy, and a home to a large number of animals. The neatest thing about this place is that at night you can take a canoe ride on the Amazon River to see monkeys, bat caves, and frogs. You can even feel the crocodiles swimming under the canoe!



I did not move to the United States of America in North America until I was eleven years old, and I still live here. We live in the state of Virginia close to Washington D.C. The coolest thing about the United States is that they have four seasons—fall, spring, summer, and winter. In other places around the world, the weather is either dry or rainy. I experienced my first snow day when I lived in America! Now I look forward to snow every winter.

SAMPLE LESSON PLAN FROM *AMY'S TRAVELS*

First Grade

Objective: to interpret the cardinal directions on a map

Activity: Before reading, each child will take a paper plate and label the cardinal directions (north, south, east, west) in the proper location and make a paper arrow for the center of the plate to make a compass.

During reading, the children will use the compass to show which direction Amy is traveling.