



After School Arts Program Poetry

“I Am...” poems inspired by virtual visit to new high school on April 23, 2008

“I am...” by **Ms. D. Fields (Mother of Michole Barnes)**

I am a Springfield Middle School parent

I wonder if every child is being treated and taught the same

I hear a lot of the children are not, and when something happens they are to blame

I see education, art, and dreams of kids not taken seriously

I want every adult and parent to be as caring and supportive as me

I am very supportive of all my daughters and their friends

I pretend the things that are happening will someday end

I feel with more support from us all, our kids will have a chance

I touch subjects adults, teachers, principals, and others want to avoid

I worry our future for our children will be without shape and form

I cry with the thoughts that our kids suffer our past

I am concerned and loving. I hope Faith will conquer and last

I understand things won't change in a flash

I say “be real with yourself, for our children's behalf”

I dream of a bright future

I try to instill the best in my girls when the world takes its turn

I hope our kids will see that our future lies with them

I am concerned and loving. I hope Faith will not go down.



"I am..." by **Emily Kerr**

I am a Springfield Middle School student

I wonder why the new school is different colors

I hear people talking wonderful things about the school

I worry about the kids who are always in the office

I understand why you have to move schools

I say it is a good idea

I want to know if there is a marital arts class

I hope I will succeed

I am excited about the new high school

"I am..." by **Cierra Dooley**

I am a Springfield Middle School student

I wonder if I can be better at what I do

I hear that I am a really good artist

I see beautiful artwork all around me

I want to bring all my grades to A's

I pretend to like someone so I won't hurt their feelings

I feel that I can be better at what I do

I touch beautiful mosaic and glass artwork

I worry about doing so well in art class that I will get bad grades

I hope I will get a goof career as an artist

I am Cierra Dooley