Kids Only!
A Devised Play Created by the Students of Kennedy School Drama Club

Scene 1: The Door Appears

(ELLA, ANNABETH, RACHEL, KATNISS, TEXEL, JACQUELINE, and ANGEL sit at desks in a classroom, bored. Sound of an adult droning on, Peanuts-style.)

Ella: Things I don’t like about school.

Annabeth: Waking up to go to school.

Rachel: Homework!

Katniss: Having to use the stairs.

Ella: Homework!

Texel: Mean people.

Jacqueline: Screaming.

Texel: MCAS tests.

Annabeth: Rules.

Texel, Annabeth, Katniss: HOMEWORK!

Angel: Recess!

(Everyone gives ANGEL a look.)

Angel: It’s true! I hate recess.

(Sound of Peanuts voice. The kids snap back to attention.)

Rachel: Things I like about school.

Annabeth: Seeing my friends.

Texel: Writing.

Jacqueline: Art.
Angel: Teachers.
Katniss: Drama club.
Jacqueline: Math.
Annabeth: Swimming.
Ella: Recess!

(The kids get up and begin to play a game of tag, but at the sound of the Peanuts voice, they scramble back into their seats.)

Jacqueline: Things I wish I could change about school.
Katniss: The mascot!
Texel: No homework, only computers.
Jacqueline: Better behavior.
Annabeth: I would make recess longer.
Ella: No homework.
Texel: Add waterslides!
Annabeth: Make sharing food allowed.
Angel: Pink cotton candy everywhere!
Texel: We could ditch school and do whatever we want!

(Magical sound. TEXEL looks over, then pokes KATNISS, who is daydreaming.)
Texel: Oh my god, Katniss! There’s a door. In the wall. That’s never been there before.
Rachel: Did it just appear?
Texel: Yeah.
Jacqueline: Guys. Pass it on. There’s a door in the wall!
Ella: (looking up, then nudging ANNABETH) Door. Door. Door! Annabeth, look!
Annabeth: What?

Ella. It just appeared! Out of nowhere!

Katniss: Let’s go!

Ella: Really, Katniss? You really think we should get up in the middle of class? I think that would be a little bit too obvious. Maybe we should wait until class is like, over or something.

Katniss: Guys! The teacher’s not looking! Come on!

(KATNISS gets up and walks through the door.)


Angel: I’m going in! Cowabunga!

(ANGEL gets up and walks through the door.)

Rachel: We should go through the door, too!

(RACHEL gets up and walks through the door.)

Ella: Annabeth, let’s go!

Annabeth: Okay!

(ANNABETH and ELLA go through the door.)

Texel: Come on, Jacqueline. I told you it was safe!

(TEXEL goes through the door.)

Jacqueline: Wow. Everyone’s gone. I guess I’ll go in, too!

**Scene 2: Exploring the World**

(ANNABETH and ANGEL appear on the other side of the door.)

Angel: Wooo! We made it through to the other side of the door!

Annabeth: It looks just like our classroom. But where’s our teacher?
Angel: I don’t know. I think we should go check the other rooms.

Annabeth: Good idea, Angel.

Angel: I’ll check the library, you check the music room.

(Both girls exit, then re-enter.)

Angel: No one here. Did you find anyone?

Annabeth: No one in the music room.

Angel: I’ll go check the art room.

(Both girls exit and then re-enter.)

Angel: No one’s in the art room.

Annabeth: I saw kids, but no adults.

Angel: (arms above her head) NO ADULTS!

Angel & Annabeth: (jumping up and down) Yaaaaay!!!!!

Annabeth: Since there’s no adults, that means they can’t tell us what to do, and we can do whatever we want.

Angel: And we can EAT whatever we want.

Annabeth: Yes!

Angel: I’ll go get some food.

Annabeth: Okay!

(ANGEL exits. ANNABETH jumps up and down and runs across the stage.)

Annabeth: Cotton candy. Cotton candy! COTTON CANDY! Oh my god! There’s cotton candy right here!

(ANNABETH finds cotton candy and eats it. ANGEL reappears with food in her arms.)

Annabeth: I got COTTON CANDY!

Angel: I got SO MUCH food!
(They throw their food on the table.)

Angel: I’m gonna eat my cupcakes.

Annabeth: COTTON CANDY.

(They eat.)

Annabeth: I like this world!

Angel: Let’s call this -

Annabeth: (jumping up and down) The only kids!

Angel: No, let’s call it tomorrowland.

Annabeth: No. We’ll call it NO ADULTS!

Angel: No, no, no. Freeland!

Annabeth: Yeah, Freeland!

Angel: No, Candyland! Candyland!

Annabeth: But it’s not just candy.

Angel: Okay, then just call it Freeland.

Annabeth: No Adults! No Adults!

**Scene 3: Meeting the Other Kids**

(ELLA enters, alone.)

Ella: Where did the teacher go? I thought the door led to a different world, but this is just our classroom. I think this might be a duplicate world.

Rachel: Ella, I found some more kids! Come on!

(RACHEL and ELLA exit. Younger children come onstage. “Pure Imagination” is playing.)

Rachel: Where are we?

Leila: You’re in Kids Only!
Ella: Kids only?
Eugene: It’s the name of our world.
Annabel: There are no grown-ups here. Just kids!
Olivia: We get to do whatever we want!
Leena: I get to go to the park with my friends!
Samar: Or go on the monkey bars.
Eugene: I get to play Dragon Ball Z ALL DAY!
Rachel: So no one is in charge? We just do whatever we want?
Leila: Oh no. We have a president.
Annabel: We pick a new president every day.
Leena: When I’m president, I’ll make it snow so I can play!
Ella: How do you do that?
Olivia: I’ll make every single place have a pool in it!

(She tickles Eugene.)
Eugene: When I’m president, I’ll make my sister stop being naughty to me.
Annabel: All of the houses will be made out of pink, blue, and purple cotton candy!
Leila: And I’ll eat the whole world’s cotton candy!
Samar: I’m going to make the whole world smart!
Rachel: This is awesome! I want to be president!
Ella: My first order as president: make there be a pet day!
Rachel: Let’s go tell the others!

(RACHEL and ELLA exit.)
Scene 4: Running Around the School

Katniss: Texel! All the adults are gone! What should we do?

Texel: Oh my god, oh my god! We should sneak into the science lab and make a science experiment!

Katniss: Wait, I have a better idea. Since there’s no grownups here, we could run around the school like crazy people and take stuff! You know, what people do when no teachers are here.

Texel: Let’s go in the principal’s office.

Katniss: Yeah!

(They exit and immediately re-enter.)

Katniss: Ooookay, not what I expected. Time to run around?

Texel: Yeah!

(They run around, climb things, jump over things, and generally have a great time.)

Katniss: Oh, this is fun!

Texel: I’m feeling kind of tired.

Katniss: Me too.

(They collapse on the floor.)

Texel: Oh, I have a perfect idea. Time to run the school now! I’m gonna take the janitor’s closet, put wires in it, get a code thing, so when I type in letters, it will bring me to an infinite land of whatever I want!

Katniss: Maybe you can take over the world and be awesome! Like me!

Texel: And then I’m going to build a scientifical portal! When we type in any numbers, it will get us wherever we want it to. Also, I have a scientifical watch that I can hook up to it to make it work.

Katniss: How will you make the portal?

Texel: I’ll glue it together with scientifical glue.

Katniss: Are you sure it’s gonna work?
Texel: I’m sure. Positive! I mean, I’m the one who bleached your hair yellow with science. I just need to figure out the calculations. Come on – let’s build a portal!

(They exit.)

**Scene 5: Ice Cream**

Jacqueline: Finished! Look at my house of cards!

Ella: Oh cool. Now can we go to the ice cream shop two blocks away?

Jacqueline: Yeah! Let’s go! Come on!

Ella: But we don’t have money.

Jacqueline: Notebooks?

Ella: Good idea!

Jacqueline: Quick, hide them!

(They cross to the ice cream store, where the ICE CREAM LADIES [Samar and Leena] are behind the counter.)

Ella: Mrs. Ice Cream Lady? Hi. Hello.

Jacqueline: We’d like two million dollars worth of ice cream.

Ice Cream Lady 1 (Samar): Okay. What kind?

Jacqueline: Chocolate.

Ella: I want strawberry chocolate swirl. You want just the chocolate?

Jacqueline: Actually, sorry, the vanilla chocolate swirl!

Ice Cream Lady 2 (Leena): Would you like sprinkles added?

Jacqueline & Ella: Yeeeeeessssss.

(ICE CREAM LADY 1 brings them ice cream.)

Ice Cream Lady 1 (Samar): That will be two million dollars.

Ice Cream Lady 2 (Leena): In cash.
(JACQUELINE and ELLA leave their notebooks and run off.)

Ice Cream Lady 1 (Samar): Hey! These are notebooks!

Ice Cream Lady 2 (Leena): Where’s our money?

**Scene 6: The Argument**

Angel: I love it here. There’s no parents to tell us what to do. How do you like it here?

Ella: I really don’t like it. There’s no one to make important decisions for you. And I brought my homework, and I’m not gonna be able to do it.

Angel: Well really, you don’t have to worry about your homework, because we are in a different world. There are no grownups! So we don’t have to do anything that they say until we get back into that world.

Ella: Yes, but I thought we were gonna get back there in 3 days.

Angel: Yes, and when did you say that homework was due?

Ella: In 3 days.

Angel: Well time stopped, did you know that?

Ella: Are you sure that’s true?

Angel: Whatever.

Ella: Okay, so do you like it here, or do you not like it here?

Angel: I like it.

Ella: I don’t.

**Scene 7: Presidential Elections**

Jacqueline: Order in the court! I should be president because I’m the oldest here. Ha!

Annabeth: I should be president because I’m going to make the world more fun if I am, and I wanna be rich, so I can buy all the cotton candy in the whole world!

Jacqueline: Continue.
Rachel: I think I should be president, because I like the world how it is.

Jacqueline: How about we take a vote.

Annabeth: Fine. Hmmph!

(They all write their votes on pieces of paper.)

Annabeth: And you can’t vote for yourself.

Jacqueline: When you’re done, fold them up and hand them to me.

Annabeth: Why you?

Jacqueline: Because I’m the judge, and second of all because I’m awesome.

Annabeth: How come you’re the judge?

Rachel: How about we just give her the votes?

Jacqueline: (to RACHEL) Thank you for being so prompt. (To ANNABETH, who is still writing) Un-thank you.

Annabeth: You’re mean!

(ANNABETH hands over her vote.)

Jacqueline: First vote for...Rachel! Second vote for...Grumpy Cat. That does not count, because that is not someone running for president. Adios! (She tosses the vote slip behind her back.) The other vote is for Rachel. Looks like Rachel’s the winner! She got all the votes, except for the one I threw, that doesn’t even have a name. So, Rachel, you won. Unofficial order in the court. Bye guys, see you later!

**Scene 8: The Door Is Gone!**

(ANNABETH, ELLA, and ANGEL sit in a row on a bench.)

Annabeth: I really wish we could go back to the other world. I mean, I really miss my parents.

Ella: Yeah, me too.

Annabeth: We’ve been here for a whole week! It’s starting to get boring.

Ella: Wait, we could go find the door that takes us back to our old world!
Angel: I really wanna go to a restaurant.

Annabeth: Come on! *(She pulls ANGEL up.)* You’re always hungry.

*(The girls cross to where the door used to be.)*

Ella: Hey look, the door’s missing.

Annabeth: Uh oh, that’s not good.

Angel: I don’t care. I just want to go to a restaurant.

Annabeth: Gosh.

Ella: *(on her knees)* Nooooomooo!

Annabeth: Hey, wait! If it’s magic, then it probably just transported to another place. Let’s go to the computer lab and see what happened to it!

*(The girls cross to the computer lab. They sit in a row as if typing at computers.)*

Angel: I found the perfect restaurant!

*(ANNABETH facepalms.)*

Ella: I found something!

Angel: I found the perfect dessert to eat!

Annabeth: It says there’s another door! It’s in a candy shop next to Buck…

Ella: Buckingham

Annabeth: Buckingham Palace. And it says not to touch the cotton candy. If you eat the candy, you turn 18.

Ella: You turn 18? That’s weird.

Annabeth: So I guess we have to go to the Buckingham Palace to the candy shop.

Angel: Noooo! No one’s going to be able to make us some food!

Annabeth: Angel! Why do you care so much about food at a time like this?

Ella: Come on, we have to go!
Scene 9: Texel’s Lab

Katniss: Where did you say we were going?

Texel: It’s only a little bit farther. I turned the school basement into a lab! I’ve been conducting experiments and doing research for over a week!

Katniss: That’s SO cool!

(They reach the lab.)

Texel: Home sweet lab. The lights don’t work. This is an old place. Here’s my desk.

Katniss: What should I do to help?

Texel: (putting books down) Help me place these books. We need to hook them up to all of these cords.

Katniss: Kay.

Texel: I’ll double check that they’re all in the right spots. (She fixes one.) Aaah, this one. (She fixes another one.)

Katniss: What next?

Texel: So, it seems there are no adults in this world. So we are going to hack into this book. It has a lock. (She fiddles with the book.) There, I’m done. So -

Katniss: What are you doing?

Texel: I’m finding out more info. So, in this up-to-date world, these light bulbs are here. There never were adults in this world, but these light bulbs are here. It’s identical to the other world. There was no Einstein, no inventor of the lightbulb – but since it’s an up-to-date world, here we have it. A lightbulb.

Katniss: Awesome!

Texel: (crossing over to the computers) That’s weird.

Katniss: What?

Texel: The door we used to get into this world. It’s gone.

Katniss: Gone? Does that mean we’re stuck?
Texel: Actually, there’s another door –

Katniss: Where’s the other door?

Texel: The candy shop next to Buckingham Palace.

Katniss: Seriously??? How will we get there???

Texel: I can fly a plane.

Katniss: You can?

Texel: Let’s go get the others. We have to find that exit. There’s a door in the candy shop, but it will close in 3 days.

Katniss: Oh no!

Texel: Yep. 3 days. I know exactly what I’m gonna do. MY HOMEWORK!

Katniss: Seriously, Texel?

Texel: I asked for extra homework. And I’ve also got some light reading I wanna do.

**Scene 10: A New Plan**

Katniss: Hey guys, check this out. We have some important news!

Ella: We have important news, too!

Jacqueline: Oh my god, what is it? I’m like, so annoyed.

Annabeth: The door is gone!

Rachel: Gone? Does that mean we’re stuck?

Ella: There’s another door. It’s next to Buckingham Palace. In a candy shop!

Jacqueline: A candy shop? That seems kind of weird.

Rachel: Wait, how are we gonna get there? It’s not like we can teleport or fly.

Jacqueline: Do you guys not realize what we can do? Why don’t we just stay in this world? It’s not like we’re gonna die or anything.
Katniss: Yes, we are! The door closes in three days, and then we’re stuck!
Texel: We’re gonna be stuck here till we’re 18. When we’re 18 we disappear.
Angel: We disappear?
Rachel: That must be why there are no adults in this place!
Texel: But, I know exactly how we can get to Buckingham Palace.
Angel: Seriously? Buckingham Palace?
Katniss: I really really think we should go find the door. Because then we get candy, and then we can find our way back before it’s too late. Because in 3 days –
Rachel: The door will close!
Katniss: The door will close, and we’ll have no way out, so we’ll have to stay in here forever, until we’re 18 –
Texel: So we need to go!
Katniss: So we really really need to go. And we get to go to London, and I love London, so yahoo!
Ella: Also, I’ve got a big test in like, 3 days, and I really really really don’t wanna flunk it.
Jacqueline: Who cares if you flunk a test? It’s not a big deal. I mean, really. Hello?
Texel: Okay guys, follow me. Let’s go to the plane.
Jacqueline: Nope, not happening.
Rachel: Wait! The candy shop is probably locked. They wouldn’t just let a random person in there.
Ella: So we either have to go into Buckingham Palace and dig under and get into the candy shop, or climb through a vent system, or basically just open the door, or pick the lock.
Texel: But the lock system, I found out, is very easy to crack. Just there’s one bad thing. There’s cotton candy blocking it, and if you touch it, you turn 18, and when you’re 18, you disappear.
Jacqueline: I am not falling for that one again. I am not going no matter what!
Angel: Come on Jacqueline. It’s gonna be worth it.
Jacqueline: NO, no.

Katniss: And it’s gonna be so much fun. We can eat so much yummy food, and we get to have fun, we can go swimming…

Texel: Do you love royals? Castles? BUCKINGHAM PALACE IS THE BIGGEST ONE IN THE WORLD. Follow me.

Jacqueline: Fiiiiiiine.

Texel: My plane is right outside. Let’s go!

**Scene 11: Buckingham Palace**

Rachel: Finally! Back on solid ground!

Jacqueline: That was a scary plane ride.

Texel: Whatever. I got you here, didn’t I?

Katniss: Look! There’s Buckingham Palace!

Jacqueline: And the cotton candy shop is right next to it!

Rachel: Is everyone ready?

Ella: I’m going to miss the Kids Only world. It is sooooooooooo silly!

Katniss: And there’s no one here to boss us around.

Rachel: I miss my cat, though. And my family. And all of my friends who didn’t come with us.

Angel: I miss the grown-ups.

Texel: I miss doing science fairs. And learning at school.

Jacqueline: I want to see Mom and Dad. And my fish!

Ella: And my dog and my wonderful bed.

Annabeth: Okay, it’s decided. Let’s go home!

Ella: Should we tell the other kids? The ones we met on the first day?
Rachel: I already told them. They’re going to meet us in the candy shop. We’ll all go home together!

Angel: Yay!

Katniss: Let’s go.

(They cross to the shop. ROBOT 1 [Leila] enters.)

Rachel: Do you sell cotton candy?

Robot 1 (Leila): Of course. This is a cotton candy store.

Rachel: How much money is it?

Robot 1 (Leila): A million trillion dollars. Now shoo!

Ella: This world is so weird.

Rachel: Let’s just go inside.

(They all go inside. ROBOTS are walking around, holding cotton candy.)

Annabeth: Look at those robots!

Jacqueline: I think they’re aliens.

Robot 2 (Annabel): Try some of our cotton candy, children.

Robot 3 (Eugene): It’s delicious.

Robot 4 (Olivia): You’ll never want to eat anything else.

Jacqueline: Oooh, yum!

Rachel: No, we can’t eat the cotton candy, remember? It will make us disappear! Texel read that on the computer!

Robot 3 (Eugene): Eat the cotton candy.

Robot 4 (Olivia): Eat the cotton candy.

Jacqueline: (hypnotized) Of course that’s a lie. Duh. We can eat the cotton candy.

Rachel: But it says the cotton candy makes you disappear.
Jacqueline: It’s not true. Duh.

(*JACQUELINE tries to eat cotton candy.*)

Rachel: Nooooo! You’re gonna disappear!

(*RACHEL grabs cotton candy from ROBOT 2 and throws it to the floor.*)

Robot 2 (Annabel): That was rude.

Robot 4 (Olivia): Closing time.

Robot 3 (Eugene): Adios, see you tomorrow!

Texel: A door! (*She walks up and tries it.*) Dam, it’s locked.

(*The store alarm starts going off. All of the ROBOTS turn and start walking toward the kids.*)

Robots: Invaders! Invaders! Invaders!

Ella: Quick! Let’s try the ventilation system!

(*Movement piece to “James Bond Theme.”*)

Annabeth: THE DOOR!

Texel: We just need to crack one last code.

Robot 1 (Leila): Beep beep beep beep beep.

Texel: Hang on. I need the music codes. (*She walks up to a contraption on the wall.*) Put the right song in, the robot turns off.

(*A song starts to play. ROBOT 1 slows down, freezes, and falls over.*)

Texel: Finally! Let’s go!

(*The younger children enter.*)

Annabel: We’re here!

Rachel: Hooray! The coast is clear. We’re all going home!
Scene 12: The Portal

(The children re-enter onto a bare stage.)

Jacqueline: Where are we?

Ella: This doesn’t look like our world.

Katniss: There’s nothing here!

Voice: Welcome, children. You have reached a holding-place – a portal between worlds. What is your next destination?

Jacqueline: We want to go home!

Voice: What is home?

Rachel: What do you mean?

Voice: What is your world? Where are you from?

Annabeth: I’m from Boston.

Ella: Arlington.

Jacqueline: Massachusetts.

Angel: And before that, Virginia!

Rachel: And France and Canada.

Texel: Holland.

Katniss: I’m from Mom and Dad.

Rachel: Michelle and James.

Ella: Anne and George.

Katniss: I’m from the big house.

Ella: The huge house!

Texel: The yellow house, with three trees outside.

Annabeth: The warm, snug home.
Katniss: I’m from flowers.
Ella: The apple tree.
Annabeth: The oak tree.
Angel: And the mayflowers.
Rachel: I’m from books, and neatness, and unicorns.
Texel: The typewriter, and my workshop.
Jacqueline: The TV.
Angel: Cookies and cupcakes!
Annabeth: Electronics. Cat fur!
Katniss: Candles and desks and flowers.
Samar: Monkey bars.
Leila: Dancing “The Whip.”
Annabel: The hot tub.
Eugene: Riding my bike without training wheels.
Leena: Going to the park.
Olivia: My friends.
Katniss: I’m from TTYL and BRB.
Angel: Shrimp and pizza.
Rachel: Taylor Swift songs.
Annabeth: From Christmas and happy.
Texel: Happy and fun.
Jacqueline: Crazy and weird.
Ella: Falling asleep in the pool.
Rachel: I’m from kindness and loyalty.

Annabeth: From reading, and minecraft, and loving.

Angel: From Florida and hard work.

Ella: From being good, and self-control, and hearts as strong as horses.

Voice: Thank you, children. Sit back and relax. I’m going to send you home.