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Dear Reader:

Good Day! My name is Aleah, and I'm a student at Como Park Elementary in 6th grade. We are learning about different issues of Global Warming. I'm learning about diseases. I believe that Global Warming is bad and humans are causing it. We caused it by using lots of technology and it is heating up cold places. Due to the warming, mosquitoes are breeding and causing diseases to spread. When they bite us, we could catch Malaria. People should support scientists and figure out how to stop Global Warming and the spread of disease.

Some scientists think that Global Warming is a natural cycle, which comes every 1,500 years. *Myth Busters* has proven that cows produce CO₂, which is a natural cycle and they think that humans didn't cause Global warming and that these natural green house gases are making the Earth warmer. They also believe that humans are only responsible for less than 3% of all CO₂, and that the Earth has been warming since dinosaur ages.

I think that we are responsible for Global Warming, which causes the spread of diseases, like Malaria. We cause Global Warming by making green house gases, by using too much energy and where place are supposed to be solid ice, it is melting and mosquitoes are breeding. When mosquitoes bite, diseases like Malaria and yellow fever infect us. There is no cure for either disease. In the House of Representatives, they have set a day aside for Malaria Awareness day, which was April 25. They talked about the problems of Malaria. There are nearly 1,000,000 people who die from Malaria each year. Most are under the age of 5 years old. 3, 000 children die from Malaria every day. Every 30 seconds a child dies from the disease.

If we do a few things differently, we can slow down the effects of Global Warming, and slow down the spread of Malaria. You can use less energy by unplugging the television when you are not watching it. You can turn off the lights when you're not in the room. Instead of driving by yourself, you could car pool, walk or ride the bus or ride your bike to school or work.

Thank you for reading my letter. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Aleah