

## **FUNHOUSE IS FOR FAMILIES**

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THE FUNHOUSE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**



**Meet Ivy.**

Ivy is a sweet, social, and friendly seven-year-old girl who attends second grade at Orcas Island Elementary. Ivy has lived on the island her entire life, and has been coming to The Funhouse for a little over a year. If you ask her, she'll tell you that she absolutely loves attending The Funhouse, and especially enjoys playing and meeting other kids there; she actually met Tatum, one of her closest friends, at The Funhouse. When the weather permits, she spends time swinging and playing outside. Other times you can find her with her friend Chloe in the art room where they like to draw animals together. Ivy especially loves drawing lions, her absolute favorite animal. She excitedly explained how much she appreciates the new renovations, particularly upstairs, where she and her friends often play make-believe in the small kitchen.

When asked what she would do if The Funhouse did not exist, Ivy exclaimed that she would be really sad. When the same question was asked of her mother, Sarah, whom Ivy hangs out with every day after school when she is not attending The Funhouse, Sarah remarked that she wouldn't know what to do without it, "The Fun House has greatly helped my family by providing a safe and educational environment where my children can be when they are not with me. Knowing my children are in the best of hands is of utmost importance to me and The Funhouse fills that need." Photo: Ivy (left), Chloe (right)