

CHILDRENS

Des élèves de cinquième année à l'école Kensington à

*The following are children's own ideas of the kinds of rights they should
grades 4, 5 and 6 classes at Kensington*

Once in a taxi in New York City my uncole and my ant didn't know how to speak english so I had to do the talking and paying. The taxidriver said it was \$5.00. Then I took out my money. I had \$10 in one dollar bills. He grabed the money and took out \$9. I said it costs \$5 and then he said that's a tip and told me to get out. I got scared and left and the taxi driver didn't help me with the baggage all he did was open the trunk. Adults scare kids.

A kid can work as hard or harder than an adult and get maybe half the money an adult may get. Kids should have power!

Most owners of stores treat kids like they're not even customers. They don't even care if you have money or not. They think kids don't have money like adults—or feelings—like adults.

We have to respect elders and listen to them. But elders don't have to respect or listen to kids.

I feel that adults make all the decisions for kids, such as what they wear, having their hair cut and in what way, etc.

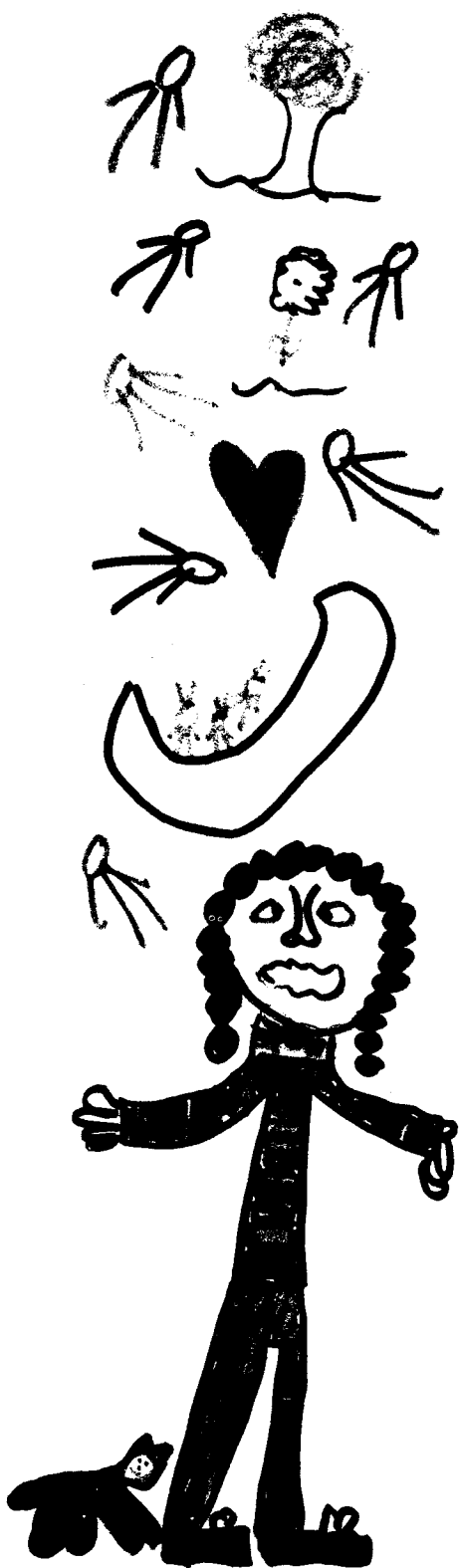
In my opinion adults don't give kids rights because adults are afraid that kids could ruin the world situation.

But adults haven't been doing such a good job themselves for example there is air and water pollution. There is a possibility of nuclear war. And nuclear reactors may have a melt down. And there are countless other problems. Adults should let kids have a say.

My alowense is pretty small and I want to save money to buy a bike, that will take me 1 hole year to save inofe money. I'm 12 years old why can't I get a job?

I think that kids should have the same rights as grown-ups. One time I was running around and I bumped into somebody and my big tooth went down in my tongue and split it. I ran into my moms office and she said 'just a minute' and my problem was more important.

I think that kids should have the right to read when they want to. And study when they want to. My parents always tell me to read when I want to study. And to study when I want to read. They often tell me to study all day. But sometimes they just let me read. Everytime I want to rest, my parents always have work for me to do. And when I want to do some work, they always tell me to rest.



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There should be more playgrounds in the city and less building, because if you want a child to have a good life don't take him to the city were there isn't any places for children. Take him out to the country and let him have fun instead of staying in the city watching cars pass by sitting in the stairs or watching television.

Lots of children have parents that don't care for them. They let the children go out anytime they want and come back at night, sometimes they hit the child badly that could make him go to the hospital. What I think about that is that the children should not be hit by parents.

When I went to buy ice cream I was the first in line. And the store keeper let the other person first, and he shoved me in the back of the line. I am mad about this.

All over this world there is predudiced people who are predudiced over kids.

This kind of abuse has been going on for years. A long time ago (ever since the beginning) there was a saying that children must be seen and not heard. This proves that people are still as prejudiced as before. We still are supposed to be seen and not heard.

Sometimes parents say that you should 'tell me when I'm being unfair,' and the next time they are and you tell them, they yell at you.

Children are the force of the future, give us a chance!!!

This is international year of the child and magazines and radio stations all over the place are jumping at the oppertunity, but they seem to be just talking about children instead of talking to children, except for one on CBC Radio; and what was the first question they asked? What would it be like if children ruled the world, the adults know that day will never come and so do the kids, so all that question is is a big fat reminder of how powerless we are!

Why are most children not able to run their own lives. For example when a person loves another person their parents do not allow them to fall in love or get married for some strange reason. This has made heartbreaks or children have eloped.

If us children and adults worked together equally we all can achieve a better world. Adults and children can learn from each other therefore the human race will benefit.

