"I Love Portage!!" by Brynnica Skye Thrash

Good day to all of my new friends and neighbors in this wonderful city of Portage. My name is Brynnica Skye Thrash. I am eight years old and I am in third grade at 12th Street Elementary School. I just moved to Portage in February with my family and we are all so happy to be here.

I was born in Maryland and I also lived in West Virginia, Georgia, and Pennsylvania before we moved to Michigan. I lived with my family in lots of cities, but we all think Portage is just the best place we ever lived. My sister, two brothers and I have already been doing so many great activities, like cheerleading, swimming, soccer, theatre, and the Children's Chorus. Our family loves to do things together, and there are so many awesome places to eat, to shop, and to play together. My favorite places to eat in Portage are Old Chicago and BD's Mongolian Grill. The most epic place in the whole city is the Air Zoo. I love the rides and the airplanes and all the fun stuff that kids can do there. The people in Portage are also extra nice. Our neighbors, our schools, and our new friends have made us feel so welcomed to move here.

My dad told me that if you mix around the letters in "PORTAGE" you can spell "TOP GEAR". He says that we are living life in top gear now that we are living in this great city. I think we are here to stay for a long time. I LOVE PORTAGE!!