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THEMES by GRADE

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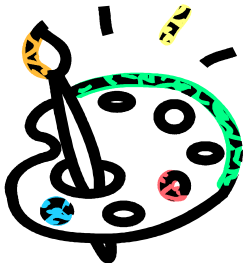


FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

2014

Grade

- 1 Ema Lilo
- 2 Rami Nonez
- 3 Zachary Caldwell
- 4 Olivia Mascola
- 5 Jordan Keen
- 6 Michael Famiglietti
- 7 Guinevere Lower
- 8 Katelyn Murray



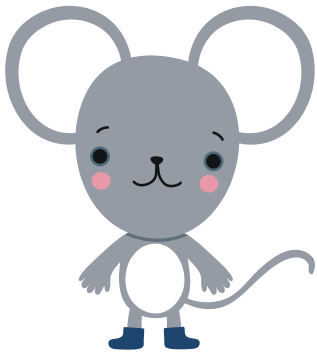
Blue

My favorite color is blue
Like the blue in the oceans
and the blue in the skies.
Like the blue in the flowers
and the blue in my eyes.
And the blue in blueberries
(which I like)

The blue on peacocks and blue jays.
The blue on sapphires and moon rays.
Light blue, dark blue
all different kinds of blue.
Do you like blue, too?

Ema Lilo

Wendell Cross School grade 1



My Pet Mouse

I am a little mouse,
that's in a haunted house.

I will always squeak,
when I hear people shriek.

It's a lot of fun,
to watch people run.
Oh, its so entertaining,
this house for a mouse.

Rami Nonez

Sts. Peter & Paul School grade 2



Spring

Seeing beautiful flowers.

Putting my sandals on.

Reading flower books.

Inspecting fish.

Nibbling on hotdogs.

Grabbing a bouquet of flowers.

Zachary Caldwell
Kingsbury School grade 3



Afraid to Grow Up

Most people fear things like witches and ghouls,
yet some like me fear dishes and rules.

Homework assignments and dentist appointments;

Flu shots, cough syrup, home remedies and ointments!

Brushing my hair and taking a bath;

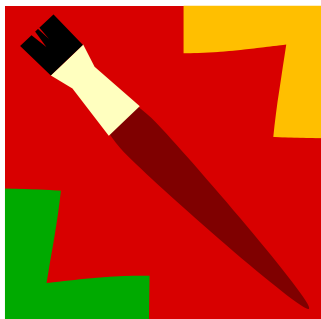
English, history, science and math.

It might be a job or bills when I'm big.

But for now what I fear are the fears of most kids!

Olivia Mascola

Wendell Cross School grade 4



The Paintbrush

The paintbrush is my favorite invention,
while painting you should not be filled with tension.
You can create different scenes,
like vegetables such as broccoli and beans.

Do not get mad if you mess up.
If you splash paint on your cupcake,
Turn it into a cup.
Just remember to never give up.

With a paintbrush you can mix different colors,
that way you can create different wonders.
You can paint cars, stars, and flowers,
or butterflies and a superhero with powers.

The paintbrush helps in many ways,
for many years I hope it stays.
I really like it, yes I do,
and for a long time I hope you do too.

Jordan Keen

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel grade 5



Hidden Treasures

There are some things that get put aside
That represent our joy and pride
They are put away in the attic upstairs
Which makes them feel like no one cares

When we first saw them, they made us smile
These things we haven't seen for a while
We looked through every page of the books
Some pushed their way in to get a look

I laughed at pictures of me as a little boy
And became excited when I saw my favorite toy
There were memories of our family vacations
And many photos of special occasions

Finding those albums was so much fun
They brought joy and happiness to everyone
It was like finding hidden treasure
That has a value no one can measure

Michael Famiglietti
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel grade 6



A Hetalia Summer

The perfect summer would be,
stealing England's tea.
I would meet the awesome Prussia,
and give sunflowers to Russia.
Go out dancing with Tony,
then run away to ride Poland's pony.
Anime rampage with Japan,
go on a tour with Sudan.
Making maple syrup with Canada,
go with China to see Mr. Panda.
I will buy Iceland his own fridge,
then bake cookies with Finland.
Get into a drinking contest with Denmark,
end up being scolded by Sweden.
Take naps with Greece,
say "hello" to Croatia.
Make pasta with Italy,
annoy Germany and hug him for forgiveness.
Eat dinner with Francey-pants,
run away breaking into a prance.

Guinevere Lower
St. Mary School grade 7



If I Could Make a Wish

Peace would be at the top of my list,
people would stop fighting and putting up their fists.

Everyone would rest and finally be at ease.
I would move on and then wish for no disease.

The lame would walk and the blind would see,
oh what a miracle that would be.

I would wish for no more pollution
or maybe be able to find the solution.

We would reduce, reuse, and recycle,
instead of cars, how about a bicycle?

Cleaning up, reducing waste,
creating a beautiful living space.

How great it would be if life were a musical,
everyone would sing and dance as in the play Seussical.

I would wish for people to stop the violence
to bow their heads and pray in silence.

Loving others is the golden rule,
to hate is simply wrong and cruel.

I would use my wish to bless others,
to show the love of God to my sisters and brothers.

Katelyn Murray
St. Mary School grade 8



HONORABLE MENTION 2014

Grade

- 1 Ana Elena Aspenwind
- 2 Alexa Ciccone
- 3 Faith Christian Ferri
- 4 Tezra Monteiro-Tule
- 5 Christopher Capobianco Jr.
- 6 Jian Hui Chen
- 7 Noah Haines
- 8 Eva Familia



My Friend's Favorite Colors

My friend's favorite colors are pink and purple.

I love pink and purple too.

I make pink and purple pictures for her all the time.

I love pink. I love purple.

Both are best! I can't decide!

Is purple prettier than pink?

I wonder.

Hmmmmmm.

Ana Elena Aspenwind

St. Mary School grade 1



My Dog, Sadie

Sadie is a special pet.

When I give her a bath she gets all wet.

To get her clean I scrub and scrub.

To dry her off I rub and rub.

When her bath is done, it's time for fun.

So I take Sadie outside for a long, fast run.

When she sees a bird she starts to bark.

So we go inside before it gets dark.

Alexa Ciccone

St. Mary School grade 2



The True Meaning of Spring

Spring is about—wait, what is spring all about?

Do you know? I don't. Without a doubt.

Well, lets look at the clues.

In the spring, sunshine melts the snow,
the birds who left come back,
the flowers that died during the winter start to grow.

As did my knack,

to only know,

the true meaning of spring.

And there are the baseball teams. And all their new winnings.

I know! I know! I know!

The true meaning of spring is rebirth and new beginnings!

Faith Christian Ferri
Hopeville School grade 3



Stay Out of the Basement

I went so deep.

I started to get the creeps.

I saw something go across the wall, when it suddenly became nightfall. But I saw something pass, and then the breath that I had was the absolute

LAST!!!!

Tezra Monteiro-Tule
Hopeville School grade 4



The Light Bulb

When the light bulb shines so bright,
we can see where we go at night.
We can even take a walk in the park
without being afraid of the dark.

When the light bulb spreads it's illumination,
from outer space you can see every nation.
The light bulb has been around for a long time,
Thomas Edison made it in eighteen seventy-nine.

There is no limit what the light bulb shows,
I am always amazed how it glows.
The light bulb turned on more quickly in the past,
with the new energy savers the new one is made to last.

It might be slower, but it still glows,
and saves us energy which is our goal.
In the years to come the light bulb will always be,
and this will guarantee that day or night we can see.

Christopher Capobianco
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel grade 5



Finding Treasure

*Sitting under an apple tree,
I was thinking deeply:
"Where is my treasure?"*

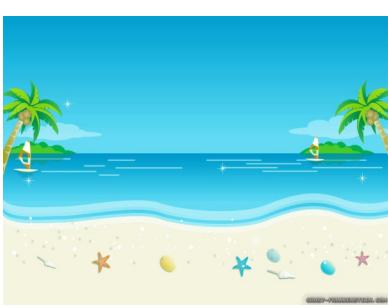
*Watching the sunset at dusk,
I was thinking silently:
"Where is my treasure?"*

*Lying on the bed at midnight,
I was thinking tiredly:
"Where is my treasure?"*

*Suddenly, suddenly,
I realized,
Treasure is everywhere!
The quiet time that I had
under the apple tree;
The beautiful sunset that I watched
at dusk time;
and the warm bed that I enjoyed
when I was tired,
All Those things are my treasures.*

*We don't need to find the treasure,
because treasure is everywhere.
All we need, is an eye,
That can discover treasure,
and bring it into our lives.*

*Jian Hui Chen
St. Mary School grade 6*



The Perfect Summer

My perfect summer wouldn't be as warm,
I never liked to be hot.
I would also go to the beach everyday,
and obviously there wouldn't be any school,
So I wouldn't have to be taught.
Now I know that I like some aspects of school but I can do them at home,
Such as reading, writing, maybe some history, and even writing this poem.
Splash, I hear as I jump into the water,
I swim out into the sea,
getting Farther and Farther.
I really enjoy swimming,
And going through the motions,
And most of the time I was at the beach,
I would spend out in the ocean.
While I was swimming,
I would slip through the water like an eel,
I really enjoy swimming,
Especially how I feel.
I would collect some sea shells,
Feeling the textures, smooth and rough,
they are all very sandy and you can't tell how they feel,
Until you wash the sand off.
I would take my time building sand castles,
Using all that I could,
but I have had fun during my perfect summer,
Just like any 12 year old should.

Noah Haines

Sts. Peter and Paul School grade 7



If I Could Make a Wish

If I could make a wish, would it be for a better me?
Would I change the way I look, or who I am to be?
In human hands wishes are dreams,
Thoughts, words, actions that have yet to be seen,
But with the choice of good or bad
Is it safe to wish for the latest fad,
Or must wishes be used in unselfish utility?
You see a wish is a world of possibility
Filled with endless chance to end senseless pain and misery,
But can the world change only from a wish, or will we repeat history?
Say I wish for world peace,
From now on all evil will cease?
Will it last?
Can we really change the past?
Instead I should wish for endless wishes
To fix all earth's problems and bring hugs and kisses.
I'd make sure no one goes hungry or has to suffer;
That no one will go without shelter, no rough ends to buffer,
A life full of perfect, wonderful peacefulness;
A world full of people filled with happiness.
I'd wish for people to change their ways;
To take care of the earth for the rest of its days.
I'd wish for all the things written on this page,
But most of all I'd wish for change.

Eva Familia
St. Mary School grade 8

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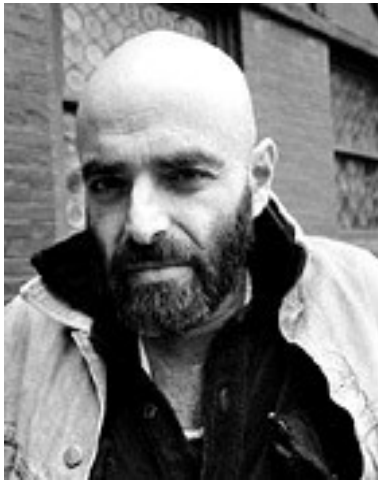
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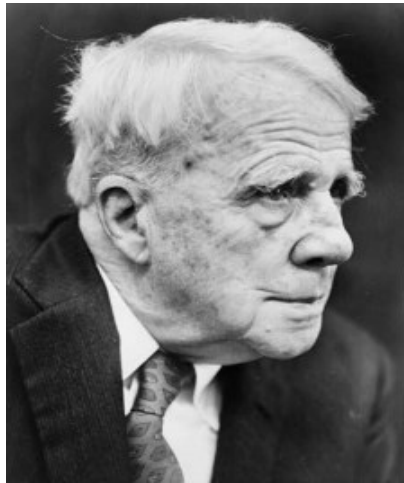
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Shel Silverstein



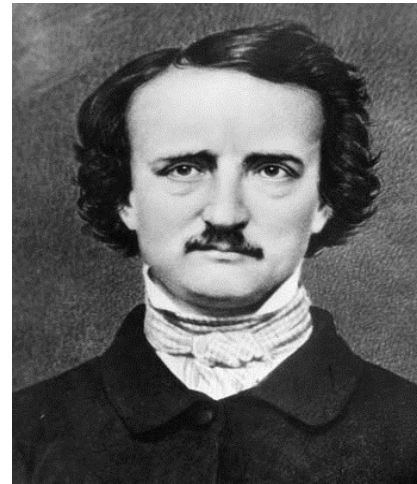
Robert Frost



Emily Dickinson



Maya Angelou



Edgar Allan Poe

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