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THEMES BY GRADE

- K - Funny Bunny**
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- 3 - The Magic Tree**
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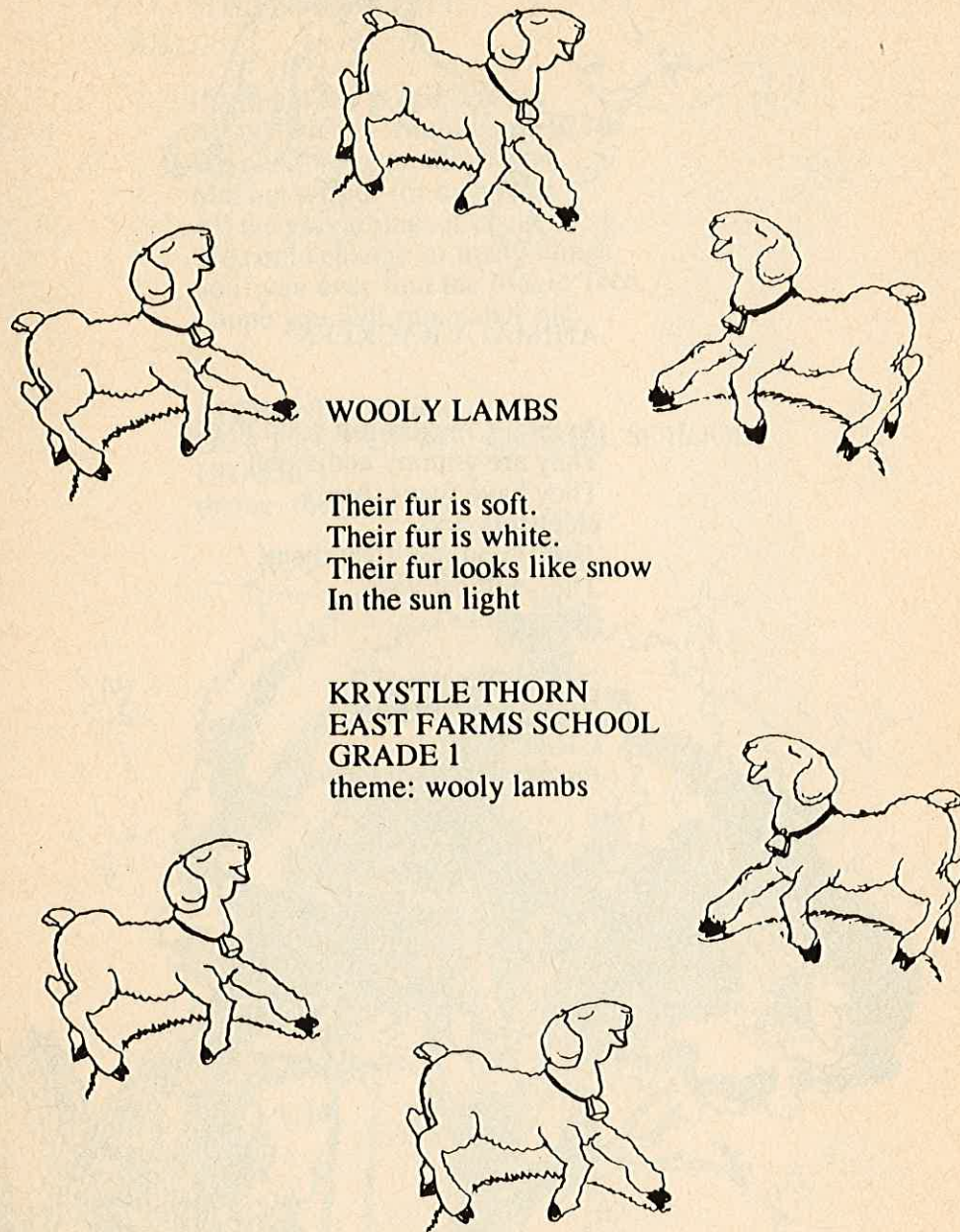
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| 3 - <i>Stefanie Longo</i> | - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School |
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| 7 - <i>Elena Carrington</i> | - Wallace Middle School |
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FUNNY BUNNY

The funny bunny
is very funny
He hops all
around
when it is
sunny

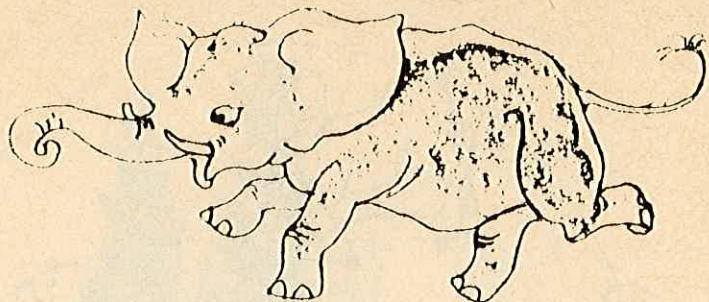
RYAN WOOD
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE K
theme: funny bunny



WOOLY LAMBS

Their fur is soft.
Their fur is white.
Their fur looks like snow
In the sun light

KRYSTLE THORN
EAST FARMS SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: wooly lambs



ANIMAL CRACKERS

Animal Crackers are good to eat.
They are yummy and sweet
They have foxes, bears,
elephants, too.
And if you don't eat them,
They will eat you!

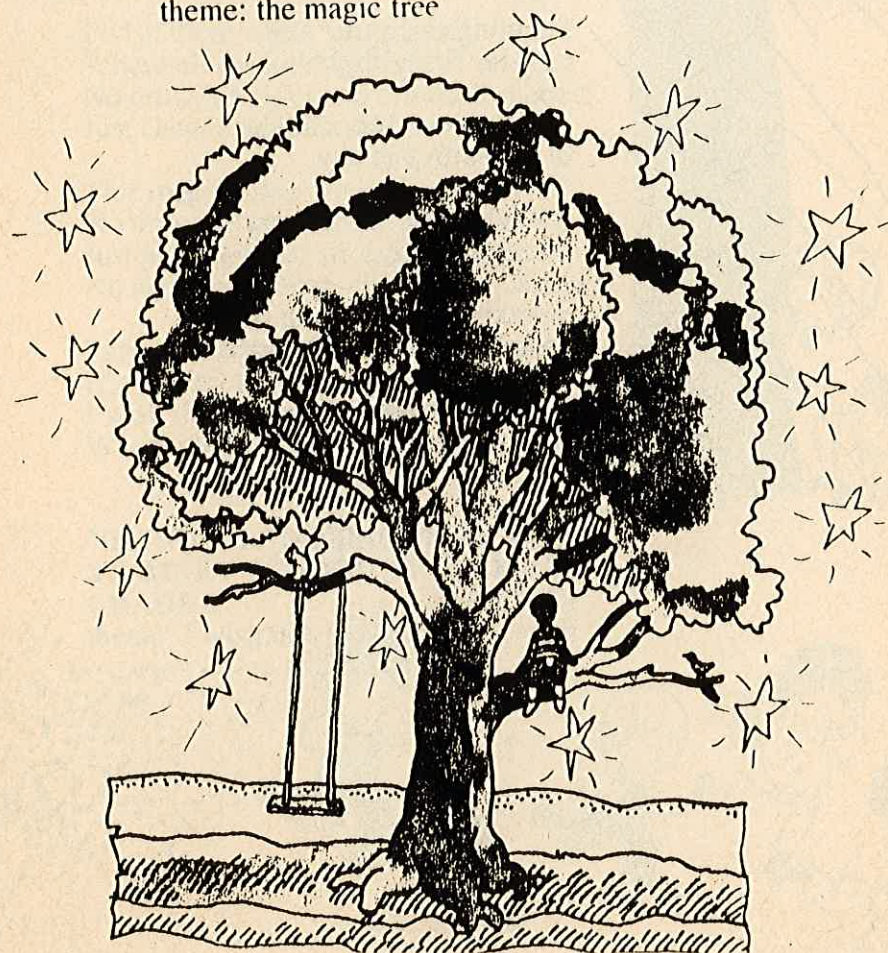
JOHN DOOLAN
REGAN SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: animal crackers



"THE MAGIC TREE"

If I found the Magic Tree.
All my friends would come to see.
We could have so much fun.
Making wishes for everyone.
All the good things it could bring.
We could change so many things.
So if you ever find the Magic Tree.
I hope you will remember me.

STEFANIE LONGO
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: the magic tree





THE SHOOTING STAR

Twinkling star, so high
so bright.

Shooting across the sky
on your fiery flight.

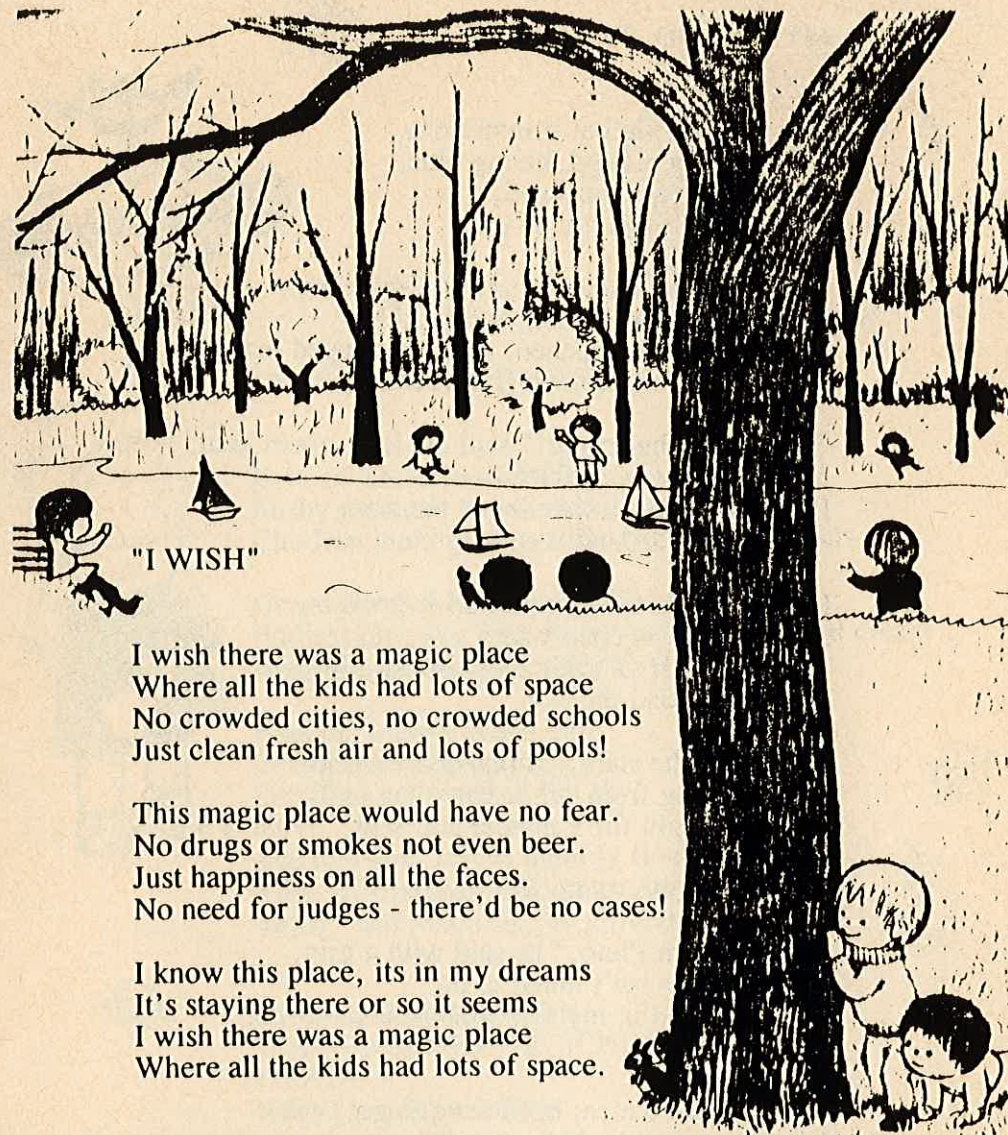
Lighting up every corner
of the earth and sky.

Knowing you catch every
wandering eye.

Streaking and shooting on
your journey through space

Laughing softly because
your winning the race!

STACIE RIDDLE
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 4
theme: the shooting star



"I WISH"

I wish there was a magic place
Where all the kids had lots of space
No crowded cities, no crowded schools
Just clean fresh air and lots of pools!

This magic place would have no fear.
No drugs or smokes not even beer.
Just happiness on all the faces.
No need for judges - there'd be no cases!

I know this place, its in my dreams
It's staying there or so it seems
I wish there was a magic place
Where all the kids had lots of space.

NICHOLAS ANDRZEJEWSKI
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: I wish...



MY FRIEND, THE ALIEN

One very boring hot summer day,
While laying around feeling blue,
A strange thing happened,
And I'll tell the story to you.

Out of the sky came a sparkling spaceship,
Its lights were twinkling and bright.
It landed, a door opened, an alien popped out,
And he gave me quite a fright!

"No need to be scared!" said the little green man.
"I'd like to be your friend,
I'll take you for a ride above the stars,
And it's just around the bend!"

He started the spaceship and I hopped in,
And oh, how excited was I,
Then we took off with a smooth steady pace,
Way up beyond the sky.

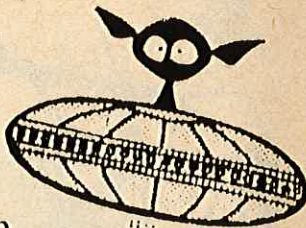
Way up to the stars and planets we went,
I was smiling from ear to ear,
Then I thought for a minute and said, "What is
your name?"
He said that his name was Pierre.

"I come from Pluto," he said with a grin,
"Where there isn't much to do."
"So, I hopped in my ship and went for a ride,
Just to visit you!"

I said, "That's nice, but I have to get back,
Can you turn this ship around?"
He snapped his fingers, and before I knew it,
We had landed on the ground.

I said, "Thanks for the ride Pierre.
Won't you come in for a snack?"
"Maybe next time!" he said with a wink.
"But remember, I'll be back!"

HEATHER MAY
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6
theme: my friend the alien



OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

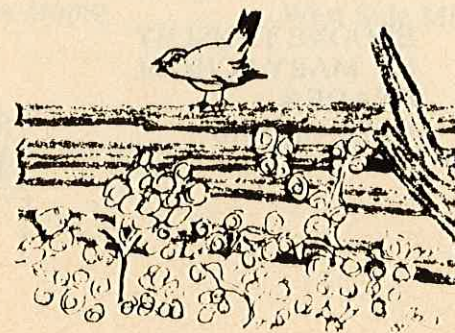
Balls of white snow falling
Bushy green fir trees twinkling with lights
Children looking like stiffly bundled-up robots.

Green plants with yellow-white hats
Endless blue sky with fluffy puffs of whipped cream
New-born robin, just ready to fly.

Bouncing orange beach ball
Grasshoppers sprinting
Dazzling yellow O in the sky.

Red and gold leaves daintily floating
Tiny brown chipmunks scurrying to their holes
Sugary lace covering the ground.

ELENA CARRINGTON
WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 7
theme: out my window





"MY HERO"

A knight in shining armor
His bravely flashing sword
A dashing Olympic runner
Who wins a golden award

Your favorite baseball player
Who scores to break the tie
A scientist who cures disease
And wins the Nobel Prize

All of these are heroes
But I wish we all could see
That the image of a hero
Comes from deep inside you and me

A hero doesn't have to be
Proud, strong, or tall
A hero could be anyone
Whether big or small

BROOKE TANSLEY
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 8
theme: my hero



HONORABLE MENTION 1992

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| K - <i>Corey Patrick</i> | - Bunker Hill School |
| 1 - <i>Crystal Bernadi</i> | - Barnard School |
| 2 - <i>Taylor Donato</i> | - St. Margaret School |
| 3 - <i>Regan Moriarty</i> | - St. Mary School |
| 4 - <i>Jesse Marino</i> | - Bunker Hill School |
| 5 - <i>Laura Stevens</i> | - St. Margaret's McTernan School |
| 6 - <i>Jamie Pilatsky</i> | - North End Middle School |
| 7 - <i>Megan Czarzasty</i> | - St. Margaret School |
| 8 - <i>Valerie Moore</i> | - West Side Middle School |

THE FUNNY LITTLE
BUNNY

Funny Bunny climbed
up a tree. Funny
Bunny said "Hey
look at me!" Funny Bunny
jumped down from
the tree. Funny Bunny
said, "Now look at me!"

COREY PATRICK
BUNKER HILL SCHOOL
GRADE K
theme: funny bunny

WOOLY LAMBS

Little lamb plays
and plays with his friends
My lamb is
Black and White
She is quiet and gentle

CRYSTAL BERNADI
BARNARD SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: wooly lambs

ANIMAL CRACKERS

I love animal crackers,
They are so good to eat,
First I eat the feet,
I think they are so grand,
I like the way they stand.

TAYLOR DONATO
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: animal crackers

THE MAGIC TREE

Magic tree oh magic tree
how are you doing today
With leaves of gold
and bark of brown
My favorite tree of them all.
The magic tree The magic tree.
That could fly and talk to me.
Magic tree oh magic tree
I do love you so.
Magic tree Magic tree
no one knows about you
except for me.

REGAN MORIARTY
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: the magic tree

THE SHOOTING STAR

I would like to hold on
to a shooting star
And travel along with it
Far, far, far to land in a
Place I've never been
But I would like very
Much to come home again.

JESSE MARINO
BUNKER HILL SCHOOL
GRADE 4
theme: the shooting star

I WISH

I wish I were a waitress,
Or maybe a nurse,
Or even an actress,
With movies to rehearse

I wish I were a tiger,
Or maybe a bull,
Or even a horse,
With a lot of carts to pull

I wish I were a sailor,
To sail along the sea,
But the thing I wish the most to do,
Is to just be me

LAURA STEVENS
ST. MARGARET'S MCTERNAN SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: I wish...

MY FRIEND THE ALIEN

I have an alien friend
It may seem odd to you,
but a friend's not a friend for looks,
a friend is someone who's true.

A friend he is
I cannot deny
you should pick a friend
for what they are inside.

If you glance at him
he seems quite weird
with his putrid skin
and his frizzy beard.

He's ugly outside
but inside he is grand
whenever I'm mixed-up
he helps me understand.

Whenever I feel lonely
or just a little blue
I think of him
and how our friendship's true.

Whenever I'm happy
he makes me happier
whenever I feel sad
he helps pass it in a blur.

So although he's an alien
he's my best friend in the land.
Not because of looks.
Do you understand?

JAMIE PILATSKY
NORTH END MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6
theme: my friend the alien

MY WINDOW

Outside - a world of dreams
Fantasies ended with the blink of an eye!

Crocuses push up through dead leaves
A person buys an ounce of escape with his
life

A laugh heard around the world
Tears help fill the sea

A dream becomes reality
Hope comes and then vanishes

Wonder fills the eyes of children
A stone wall separates one from
all the rest

The first smile of a baby
The eternal frown of the homeless

All outside my window

MEGAN CZARZASTY
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 7
theme: out my window

MY HERO

I gaze in the clouds and hope to
see her,
And wonder of adventures if I had
a chance to be her,
To be there for events now past,
To feel the shame of doing
things last,
She and our race part of the
red, white, and blue,
We were minorities and everyone
knew,
I hope in the future to be as
good a grandmother and wife,
I wish the time to tell her
of her impact on my life,
My hero is someone I can not see,
But deep inside my grandma
knows what she means
to me.

VALERIE MOORE
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 8
theme: my hero