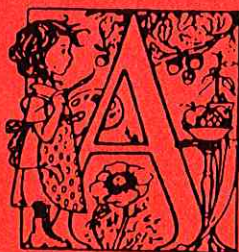


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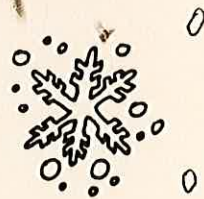
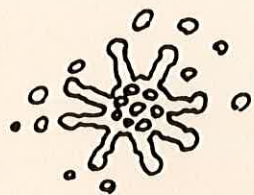
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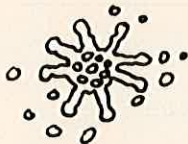
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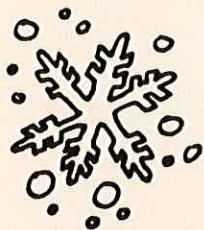
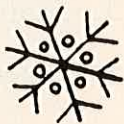
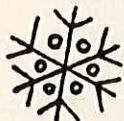


SNOWFLAKES

Snowflakes here and there
Snowflakes everywhere
See them fall
Big and small
what do you say
Let's go play



NICOLE GOMES
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
GRADE K
theme: snowflakes

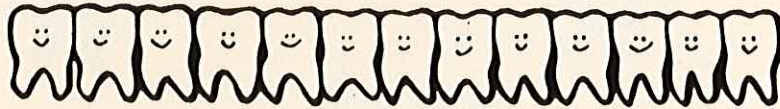


NIGHT FUN

At 8:00 each night,
My mom puts me to bed.
She reads me a story
To keep in my head.
She gives me a kiss
And says Good-night.
Then I sneak downstairs
And give her a fright!

MATTHEW WILDMAN
TINKER SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: night fun



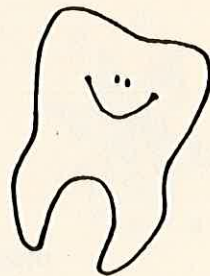
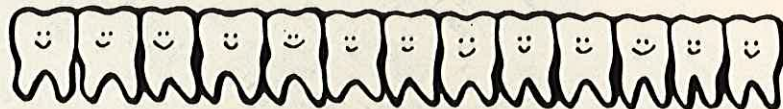


"THIS TOOTH"

This loose tooth of mine,
It hides in my mouth.
It wiggles all around,
when I eat lots of Food.
It wiggles here it wiggles there,
It wiggles everywhere!
This tooth is my friend,
and I Love it very much.
My tooth is very funny,
for it the tooth fairy gives me money.



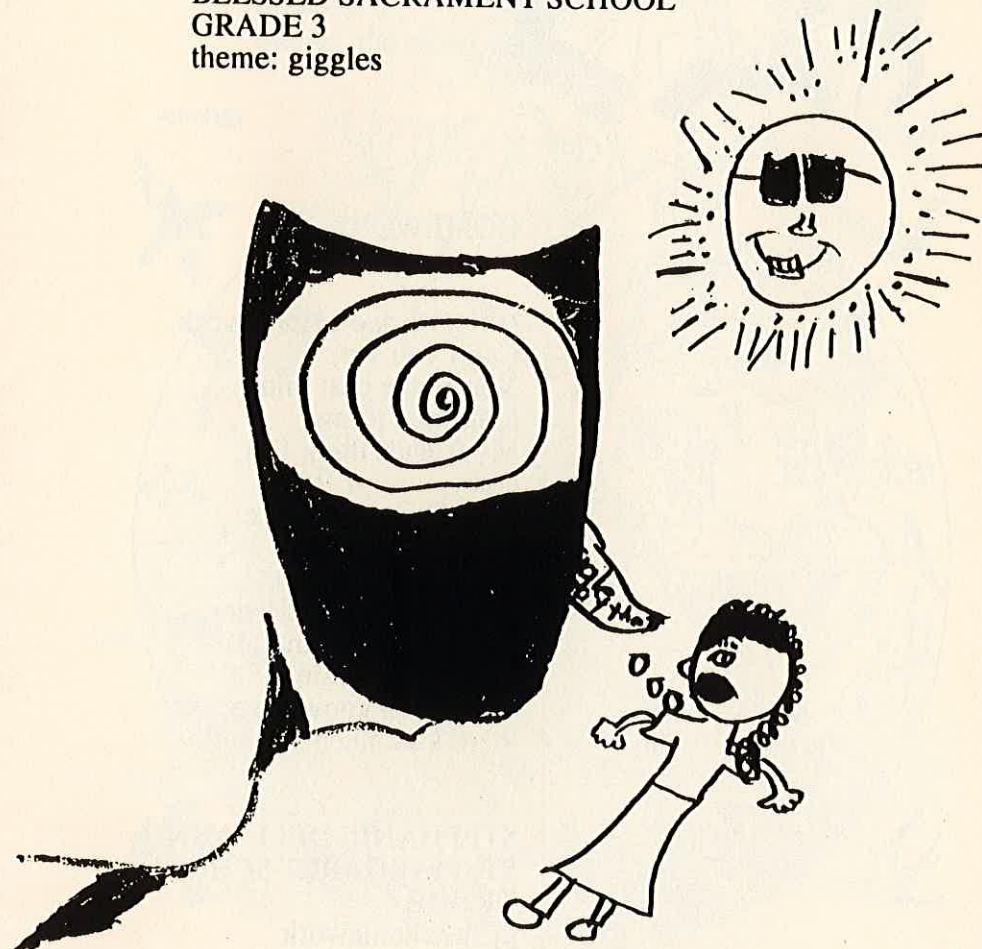
DANIEL FINNEGAN
KINGSBURY SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: this tooth



"GIGGLES"

Giggles come from deep with-in.
They start from a smirk and turn to a grin.
A giggle can bring a smile that's worth;
a carpet of gold spread over the earth.
Giggles are a burst of fun.
It's so much fun for everyone.
So come on and have some fun.
Giggle giggle everyone!

LACEY RODRIGUES
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: giggles





HOMEWORK

Homework oh Homework,
Can't you see,
You're the best thing
to happen to me.
My friends think I'm,
crazy,
But of course they're
all lazy,
They'd lie in a field
just smelling the daisies,
While I'm at home
racking my brain,
Because in knowledge
there's so much to gain!.

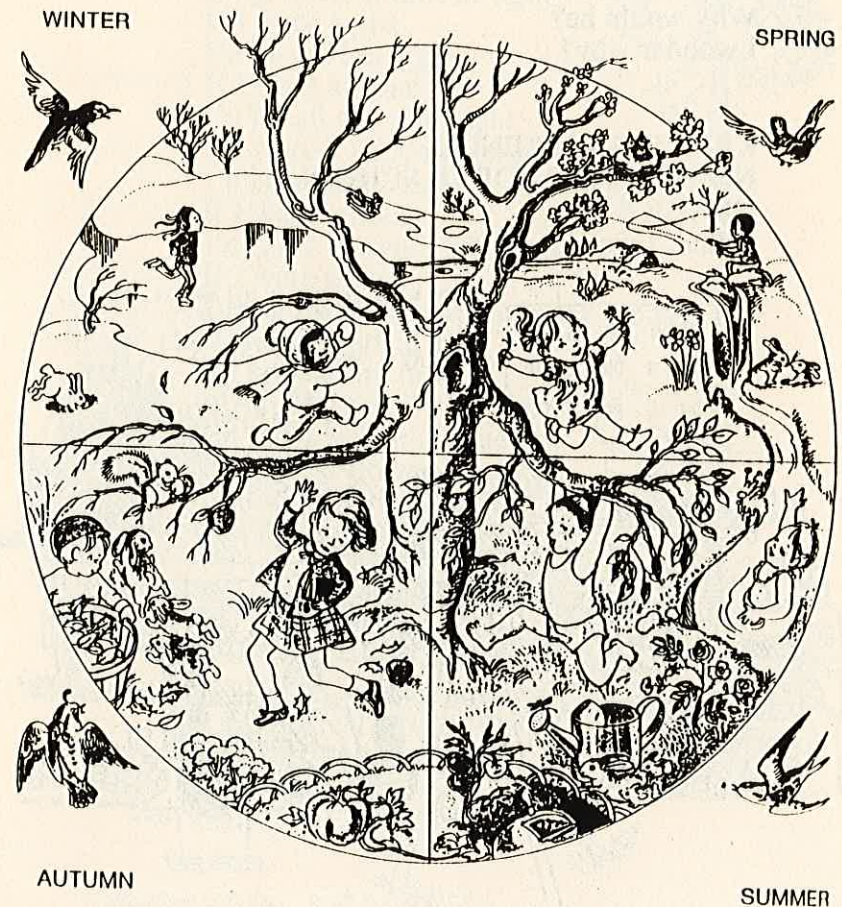
STEPHANIE DELL'ANNO
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 4
theme: homework

NEW ENGLAND

Waves crash against the shore,
The sun shines so brightly!
The red-breast robin chirps.
New England is a peaceful place!

Rainbowed flowers bloom in Spring,
Flaming leaves fall in Autumn.
Snowy landscapes in the winter,
Golden days filled with Summer's pleasure.

HOLLY MURPHY
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: the nicest place



"I WONDER WHY"

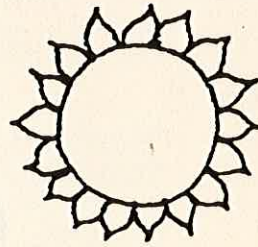
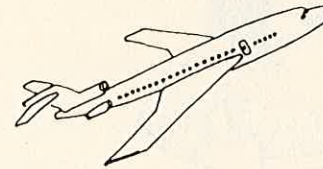
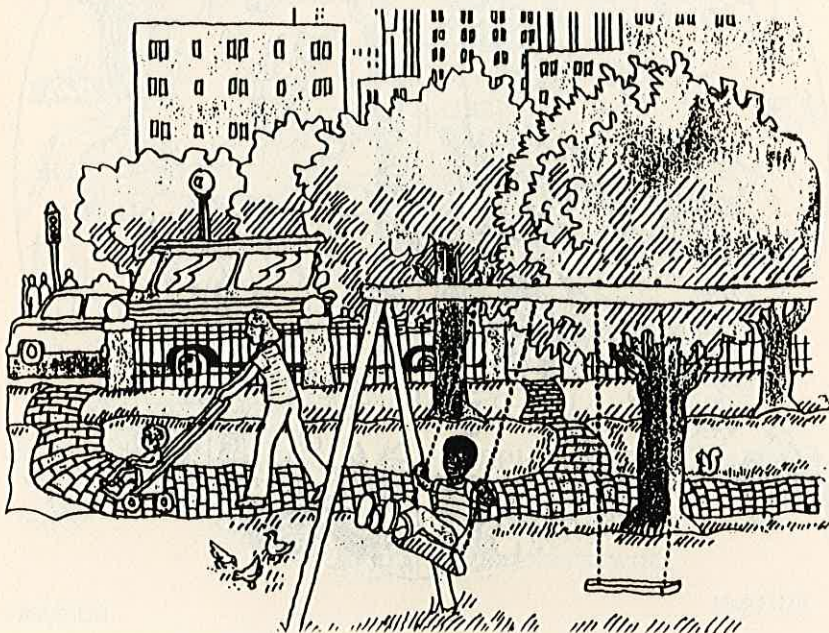
Why does man?
Hate his brother.
How could he?
Betray another.

Who would think,
He'd hurt our earth.
And take a life,
Before its birth.

Why would he?
Provide no heat.
For those who,
Lie in the street.

How could he,
Let children die.
Why would he?
I wonder why?

KRISTIN LAWRENCE
NORTH END MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6
theme: I wonder why

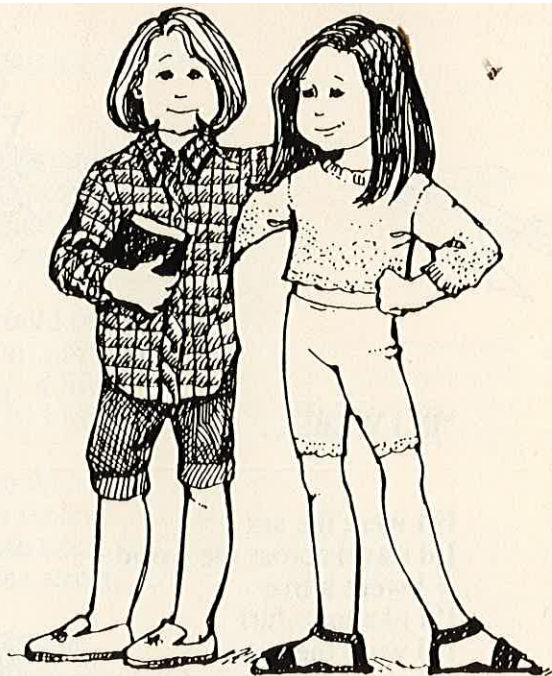


"IF I WERE..."

If I were the sea
I'd travel across the world
If I were a tree
I'd like to unfurl
If I were the sun
I'd give off beams of light
If I were a gun
I'd be used to fight
If I were a plane
I'd fly all day and night
If I were a window pane
I'd be a pretty sight
If I were a train
I'd carry all types of goods
If I were a cane
I'd be made from a tree in the woods
If I were a dog
I'd bark at my master
If I were a log
I'd roll down hills faster
If I were a flower
I'd blossom every spring
If I were a tower
I'd spot most everything
But in the end I'd like to be
the same old Katy B. (me)!



KATY ANN BUGAJEWSKI
NORTH END MIDDLE
GRADE 7
theme: if I were...



REMEMBER SISTER

Today has crept up to me in an instant.
But I think back to the past still not
too distant.

I remember your beauty I thought was
not fair.

And I remember the happiness that all
sisters share.

I remember the fun games that we used
to play.

And I remember how I thought "together
we would always stay."

Now I stand, hands full of flowers--
eyes full of tears.

Thinking--Remembering our childhood
years.

RACHEL ALISON RABINOWITZ
NORTH END MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 8

theme: remembering

HONORABLE MENTION 1993

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| 3 - <i>Rebecca Marold</i> | - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School |
| 4 - <i>Angela Haire</i> | - St. Margaret School |
| 5 - <i>Tom Blake</i> | - St. Margaret School |
| 6 - <i>Tina Mucciacciaro</i> | - Wallace Middle School |
| 7 - <i>Mary Donahue</i> | - St. Margaret School |
| 8 - <i>Danielle Shove</i> | - West Side Middle School |

SNOWFLAKES

Snowflakes float down
from the sky and
sometimes fall right
in my eye.

I run and catch
them on my tongue and
slip and slide it's
lots of fun.
I really like snowflakes.

MICHAEL NIHAN
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
GRADE k
theme: snowflakes

NIGHT FUN

Night fun is when you have
a great time at night
Night fun is when you have dreams
about beautiful things
just waiting for you to enjoy
At night the wind blows so soft and calm
you can smell flowers
in the air.
At night you see bright stars
marching across the sky

When night falls on the earth
I think about all the wonderful
things in nature.

JOSE ANTONIO MACHADO
WASHINGTON SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: night fun

THIS TOOTH!

I have a loose tooth.
It will not come out!
It hurts when I eat an apple!
This tooth!
I will get it out somehow!
I will get it out now!
This tooth!

CHRISTINA CORRELL
REGAN SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: this tooth

GIGGLES

Giggles aren't American
Giggles aren't Chinese
Giggles are universal
As a children's sign of peace

If all the children around the
world
Could giggle all together
No problem would be too big
And we could all be friends
forever!

REBECCA MAROLD
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: giggles

HOMEWORK

Homework oh Homework I hate it, I do,
I bet you'd hate Homework if you
had it too.

Homework oh Homework you're very
uncool,

Every time I look at you, you
have another rule.

With all of you're pages
It would take me just ages
To get it all done.

I would never have fun
None whatsoever.

If only I was a little more clever.
the teacher likes me but that won't
do me good.

She thinks I like Homework
I don't, but I should.

I've finished my Homework
I've done every page
but the worst thing about it
I'm not the same age.

ANGELA HAIRE
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 4
theme: homework

A Haiku: The Nicest Place

In my mother's arms
like green grass loves water and
a bird loves the sky.

TOM BLAKE
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: the nicest place

I WONDER...

I wonder why the sky's so blue,
I really wonder yes, I do...
I wonder why the sun's so bright,
and why it doesn't shine at night
I wonder why the stars are bright,
and find their place every night,
I've even wondered about the snow,
And why it falls and has a glow,
I've wondered why the birds in flight,
glide across the sky so light
I've even wondered why the flowers
come each spring to fill our hours...
I wonder why the waves at sea,
wash ashore and tickle me,
I've wondered why so many times,
I hope one day to find the lines,
to answer all my wonder whys,
and make me grow up very wise.

TINA MUCCIACCIARO
WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6
theme: I wonder

"If I Were"

If I were in Somolia
I would grow some trees
Clean the air
And fight disease
Stop starvation
And start conservation
I'd make new clothes
From head to toes
Give a little girl a bow
and a little boy a home
But most of all I want
people to get a good education
like us at school

MARY DONAHUE
ST MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 7
theme: if I were

Remembering

Low tide...
The setting sun's golden rays sparkled across the water
Silky sand...
Refreshing breezes and cold beneath my toes
Sea breezes...
Salty air blew songs of seagulls towards the shore
Ankle deep...
The chilling water engulfed my feet
Sand dollars...
In the shallow waters, we searched for the delicate
shells
Dusk fell...
Back on the shore, the bonfire burned brightly
The beach...
Serene and stimulating...together

DANIELLE SHOVE
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 8
theme: remembering