

24th ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST 1999



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THEMES BY GRADE

K - CLOWNS
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PRIZE WINNERS

1999

K -DOMENIC ROY	SS. PETER & PAUL
1 -BENJAMIN HARMON	MALONEY
2 -CASEY PITTS	ST. MARY
3 - JIMMY DELUCIA	ST. MARY
4 - DOMINIQUE DUNMEYER	ST. JOSEPH
5 -JACLYN ANTHONY	GILMARTIN
6 -SAM BLINSTRUBAS	ST. MARY
7 -SAMANTHA HAWLEY	NORTH END
8 - KATIE HUCKINS	ST. MARY

THE CLOWN

One day we saw a clown.
She made us laugh so hard
We had to jump around.
She had a funny nose
And wore funny clothes.
It was fun that day,
But we were sad
When she went away.

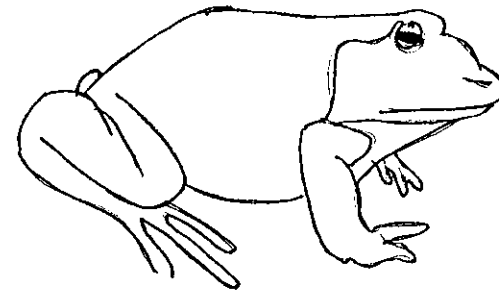
DOMENIC ROY
SS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL GRADE K



GREEN

Green is my favorite color.
It's in the rainbow,
And on the ground.
It's on the grasshoppers
And frogs I found.
To me green has a special sound.
Green is great.
Green is good.
I'd do a green dance, If I could.

BENJAMIN HARMON
MALONEY MAGNET SCHOOL GRADE 1



CANDY



One day I saw the dentist, you see,
and I couldn't believe what he said to me!
He told me that I had some cavities
and worst of all I should give up "candy"
Now listen, I think that would be a mistake
an 8 year old needs lots of candy and cake
that's why they made Reeses, M&M's and Mars
Some with peanuts
and some good old plain chocolate bars!
It's for energy before and during games-
chocolate makes you feel better when you have to take all the
blame-

It's a gift from above, I have no doubt-
and Mr. Dentist, sir, it's something I can't live without!
Take away carrots, broccoli and peas-
in my perfect world they cause cavities-
Candy is great - taffy, jelly and more
that's why for years they've had corner candy stores.
And what about the holidays - why are they there?
to receive candy on Valentines and Easter each year!
And would you deny me to say Trick or Treat-
It's a child's right to expect something sweet!
So my advice to all you kids out there
when you go for your checkup you must beware-
think of my poem and be prepared-
you can eat some candy - it's only fair!

CASEY PITTS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADE 2



MY FAVORITE PERSON

My favorite person is my brother John.
He's someone I can really count on.
If we're with our family, or just us two hanging around,
It's a friend that I have found.
We'll be brothers 'til we're old.
That's worth more than gold.

JIMMY DELUCIA

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADE 3

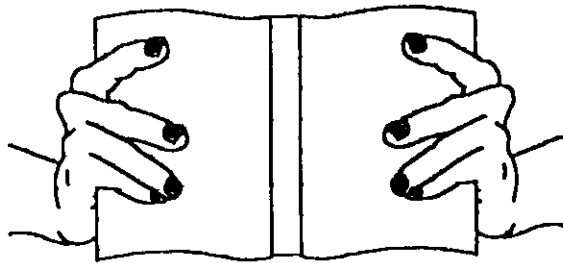


BOOKS

THE MAGICAL FAIRYTALE BOOK

Once a girl found a fairy tale book.
She took it home for a better look.
A character popped out and took her hand,
And took her into fairytale land.
Finally, he brought her back at night
And she closed the book real tight.

DOMINIQUE DUNMEYER
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GRADE 4



I WISH

I wish I could sing.
I wish I could dance.
I wish I could see my name in France.

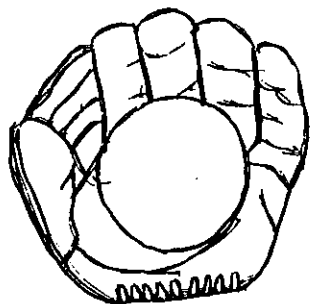
That would be great.
That would be grand.
If I were in a singing band.

I would sing from my heart.
I would sing from my soul.
I would sing forever until I got old.

I would sing in Greece.
I would sing in Rome.
No matter where I sing it feels like home.

JACLYN ANTHONY
GILMARTIN SCHOOL GRADE 5





My Perfect Day...

There are many days written in one's life.
There are good days and days full of strife.
But my favorite day, without logic or reason,
Is opening day of baseball season.

Together we watch, my family and me,
My mother, my father, my brothers all three.
Up in the stands, I loosen my glove,
Wait for the homer, it's the wait that I love.

The smell of the popcorn, hot dogs, and spring
Help me imagine all the wins this season will bring
Hope springs eternal, what can I say,
For a Red Sox fan, nothing can beat Opening Day!

SAM BLINSTRUBAS
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADE 6

My Hero is...

You watched me leave
That first time
Little candy hearts
Reading "be mine"
The marks on the wall
That measure my heart
Hugs and kisses
And a whispered "good night"
You paused
As you walked away
And told me not to worry
I would be okay
Maybe that is why
You are my hero.

SAMANTHA HAWLEY
NORTH END MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE 7



I WANT TO BE...

I want to be the girl I once was
Who said and did whatever and wherever
Before the craze for boys.
Before the makeup and hair had to be perfect
When I didn't care what people thought of me
And only skinned knees brought tears.
When everything could be made better by milk and cookies.
And when I thought my dad was the
Strongest man in the world
When it was ok to play in the mud
And I was still small enough to play in the playplace
When I truly believed there was a monster under my bed
When I believed what everyone said with
No need to think otherwise.
And at that age of 4 and 5
When I had not a care in the world
So that is why I want to be the little girl I once was
To put behind me all the worries of today.

KATIE HUCKINS
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADE 8

HONORABLE MENTION

1999

K -BRIANNA LAPOINTE SS.PETER & PAUL

1 -SHAUN GOGGINS MALONEY

2 - JONATHAN NADEAU CARRINGTON

3 - APRIL DUQUETTE ST. MARY
SHANNON FLAHERTY ST. MARY
(TIE)

4 - ANTHONY GUERRERA ST. MARGARET

5 - ILENE OLIVER ST. LUCY

6 CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ WEST SIDE
ALAN SEARS ST. MARY
(TIE)

7 - NICK YOUNG ST. MARGARET

8 - MARTA MIELICKI NORTH END

The Clown

I am a clown

You won't see me frown.

I have a funny red nose

And carry a big hose.

I love to throw pies

And jump to the skies.

I make the kids laugh

When I kiss a giraffe.

BRIANNA LAPOINTE
SS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL GRADE K



COLORS

Fred took a red sled,

And went down the white hill.

He fell off the red sled,

And took a white spill.

Fred didn't feel great,

His head looked like

A purple and blue crate.

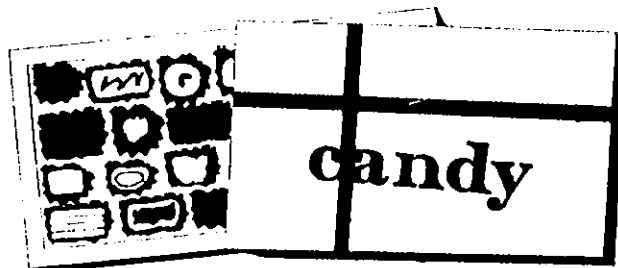
But, he got up and did it again!

SHAUN GOGGINS
MALONEY MAGNET SCHOOL GRADE 1

CANDY

CHOCOLATE'S BROWN
BUBBLEGUM'S PINK
CANDY IS GREAT
AND VEGETABLES STINK.

JONATHAN NADEAU
CARRINGTON SCHOOL GRADE 2



MY FAVORITE PERSON...

Who's the fastest guy on the track,
why it's Jeff Gordon he's ahead of the pack.

He's my favorite driver of all time,
his Chevy is tuned so fine.

always doing what he must,
leaving other drivers in his dust.

He won Daytona giving it his best,
beating Dale Earnhardt and the rest.

So if you ask me who's the man,
it's Jeff Gordon, I'm his biggest fan.

APRIL DUQUETTE
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADE 3 (TIE)



MY FAVORITE PERSON...

My favorite person is lots of fun, but
My favorite person is more than one
My favorite person is a houseful you see.
My favorite person is my family.

My mom is a teacher and also a nurse
She's always has candy inside of her purse
She kisses and hugs me and makes me feel nice
She's pretty and smart but so scared of mice.
My dad's sense of humor makes people laugh,
But, the hairs on his head are now less than half
He plays the piano but not very well,
And I love when he helps me learn to spell.
I have three sisters older than me,
Patricia, Coleen and my favorite Kelly.
Patricia can drive me, Coleen likes to sing,
Kelly is my roommate we share everything.
I have one brother George.,
He plays baseball with me.
He now has a daughter to start his family.
Her name is Margaret and Tara is his wife.
They all seem so happy as they start their new life.

SHANNON FLAHERTY
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADE 3 (TIE)

BOOKS!

Books on my bookshelf.
Books on my desk.
Books in my drawers.
Books in my bag.
Books in the closet.
Books on my bed.

ANTHONY GUERRERA
ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL GRADE 4



*Cute puppy
Lick, slobber, drool
Happy,
Delighted,
Surprised,
Glad
Dream.*



**ILENE OLIVER
ST. LUCY'S SCHOOL GRADE 5**

MY PERFECT DAY

It was one hot summer morning,
The sun shined so bright.
I looked out the big picture window,
To see this incredible sight!

The view of the ocean was crystal clear blue,
With sailboats crossing so shiny and new.
As seagulls soared quickly from skies up above,
Crowds of people had gathered with those whom they love.

While anxiously standing there waiting...
My beach gear was already packed-
To only imagine the huge, rapid waves;
A fabulous day, that's a fact!

Then finally...yes!
The time had now come,
When I heard a loud voice shout...
"TIME TO GO EVERYONE!"

There I was...there at last...
I was sure having a blast!
Lots of laughter and sun and plenty of FUN;
Sand castles, volleyball, ice cream, to name only some.

It's time to go home now; how I wished I could stay,
But there's just one more thing that I'd like to say...
With all these great things to do and to play,
Should it be any wonder, this was "My Perfect Day!"

**ALAN SEARS
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GRADE 6 (TIE)**

MY PERFECT DAY...

*My very perfect day
is the one I had yesterday
that day was right in every way.
I woke up that mornin'
Not knowin' what I would be doin'
My mother gave me the news
that my room would have new uses.
She also said my uncle Machito
Who used to live in Puerto Rico
was coming to live with us
I said yes without a fuss.
On that day it was very sunny
I was happy he was coming because he's funny
I felt anxious but then I went ballistic,
because when he showed me how he was so artistic.
My very perfect day
is the one I had yesterday
because uncle Machito is here to stay.*

**CYNTHIA HERNANDEZ
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE 6 (TIE)**

My Hero is...

My hero is my remarkable aunt
I know she doesn't have much to flaunt
5 months ago, cancer is what they found she had,
"Oh well," she said, too bad."
She tried to act normal and told people not to be upset
"C'mon," she said, "is this the worst I can get?"
Famous and rich my aunt may not be
But her bravery is heroic to me.

NICK YOUNG
ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL GRADE 7



I Want to be...

I want to be a day wiser than the one before.
With each passing moment to learn even more.

I want to be stronger with each challenge faced.
I yearn to be loved and be kindness embraced

I want to be emancipated from materialisticness.
I don't want to worry about my hair or how I dress.

I want to be surrounded by comprehension
I don't want them to think I do things for attention.

I want to be heard in everything I say.
I want all my troubles to just fly away.

I want to be many things as you can see:
Yet, strange as it may seem.

I just want to be me!

MARTA MIELICKI
NORTH END MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE 8

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