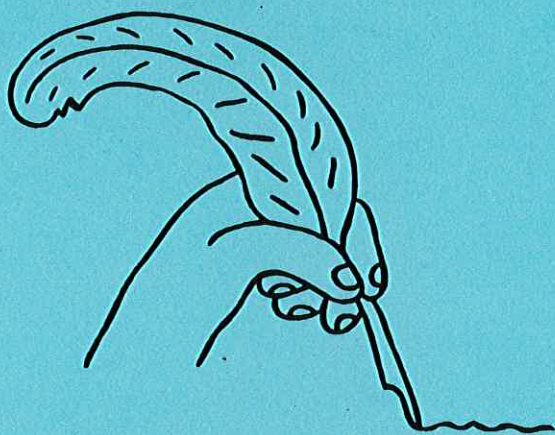


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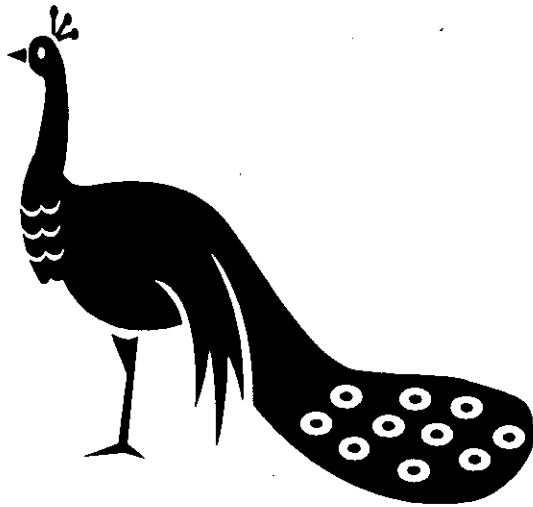
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Ms. Sparso

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My Favorite Animal

Nice feathers like a rainbow
The wind blows.
Side to side they go.
They make me happy.
Colorful peacock,
I love you!



David Burgos
Bunker Hill
Gr. K



Jeffrey Peck
Maloney Magnet
Gr. 1

Rain

Rain, rain, rain,
Sometimes a pleasure,
Sometimes a pain.
Rainbow in the sky,
Pretty colors way up high.
Puddles on the ground,
Umbrellas going up and down.
Dancing raindrops from the sky,
Cars splashing water,
As they speed by.



Dinosaurs

On Monday I saw a T-Rex.
His tail was like a whale.

On Tuesday I saw an Apatosaurus.
His head was bright red.

On Wednesday I saw a Triceratops.
He was as big a pig.

On Thursday I saw a Stegasaurus.
He had spikes and his name was Mike.

On Friday I saw an Ankylosaur.
He had bumps that looked like humps.

All weekend I thought about what I saw.
And knew just what to draw:
Dinosaurs!

Cynthia DeLeon
St. Margaret
Gr. 2



POEM FOR OUTDOORS



I like the outdoors.

Ground under my feet feels better than any floors.

I love to swim, call me a fish without a fin .

I like baseball even more, on a sunny day you should see me score!

I like to ride my bike. Just call me and I'm ready to take a hike.

My favorite times are at the ocean, I get very tan so my mom makes
me wear some lotion.

It is fun to eat outdoors, cooking on the grill gives me such a thrill.

In winter I like to ski. It's cold outside but it's okay with me.

My uncle takes me to sled. when he says it's time to go, that's the
time I dread.

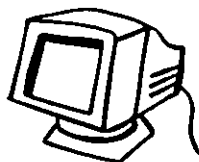
I think it's plain to see, I'll be outdoors if you're looking for me.



John DeLucia
St. Mary
Gr. 3

The Library

A place for books, A place to look-
Will it be fiction or will it be non? A place with texts,
Computers were next-
Will you need the Librarian's help to carry on?
A place for history,
A place for poetry-
Is there a school project you must complete?
There's lots of sections,
There's lots of selections-
Do you find any of the videos a treat?
A place to learn, If you so yearn
Read a bibliography or two?
A hardcover off the shelf,
A paperback, help yourself-
Reading is really good for you!
There's just one rule,
Just like in school-
Do you think you know the word?
Whatever your preference,
A fun book or reference-
Only, "SH-H-H-H-H," is allowed to be heard!



Casey Pitts
St. Mary
Gr. 4



MY ALIEN FRIEND

Out of the darkness
and into my sight
dropped out of the gray clouds
a bright shiny light.

A cool looking space ship
with flashing red lights
appeared in my back yard
after a very long flight.

An alien named Ju-Ju
and his purple dog Ike
exited the space craft
and stepped on my gray cat named Spike.

It appeared that no matter
what planet you're from
cats and dogs don't like each other
they're gonna fight some.

So back in their space ship
they took off in a flash
to set out for their homeland
a planet called "Crash".

James Matthews
Children's Community
Gr. 5

WHEN I GROW UP

When I grow up
I don't know what I'll be.
There are many things to become
As you can see.

I could be the president and rule all the states,
Or maybe a baker and make lots of cakes.
I might be a banker and help you with your loans,
Or I could be an ice cream server and work with waffle
cones.

I could be a mom and take care of three,
Or maybe an actress and be on t.v.
I might be a doctor and make people well,
Or have my own business with things to sell.

I could be an astronaut and voyage through space,
Or be a detective and solve a criminal case.
I might be a chef and make fancy meals,
Or I could be a game show host and make you a deal.

I could sing on stage and be a rock star,
Or I could be a pilot and travel afar.
It really doesn't matter what kind of job I take,
As long as I'm happy with the money I make.

But I seriously don't care about all the pay,
Only if I give people happier days.

Kadie Allegrini
North End Middle
Gr. 6



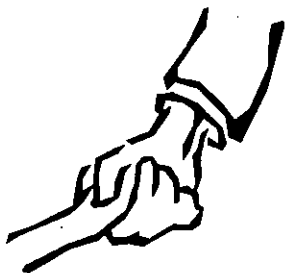
SHADOWS

In the daylight my inseparable companion follows me-
In fact he is everywhere I go.
Every step I take and move I make-
He mimics me just so.
Throughout my day this hidden phantom imitates me
Just like a cartoon elf.
And if I remain still or dance wildly about-
He keeps up with myself.
Now I know I have a life all my own
But I think that he might tool
Though he's undefined and vague at times
His reflection comes shining through.
In the evening he is secretive and often dim-
Tends to disappear at times.
But I know he's there, that outstanding image
That really is sublime.
Whether sunshine or night of day it doesn't really matter
We'll always be together.
He thinks he's best but the light actually shines on ME-
So I know I am the better.



Cody Ross Pitts
St. Mary
Gr. 7

If I Were President



If I became the President,
There are many things I would do.
I would give a helping hand
To many, not just the few.

I'd never make promises
I couldn't keep;
I'd always be honest,
But never be cheap.

All throughout my entire term
I'd be sure to try my best
To make sure our great country
Was better than all the rest.

I would instill in our country
Great honor and great pride;
I'd be true to everyone,
Not just one group or side.

I have always loved my country,
I've loved it to the core;
And if became the President,
I'd love it even more.

Monica Raymunt
Blessed Sacrament
Gr. 8



HONORABLE MENTION

K Seth Groody
Maloney Magnet
Susana Sanchez

1 Amanda Dovidaitis
Blessed Sacrament
Ms. Cybart

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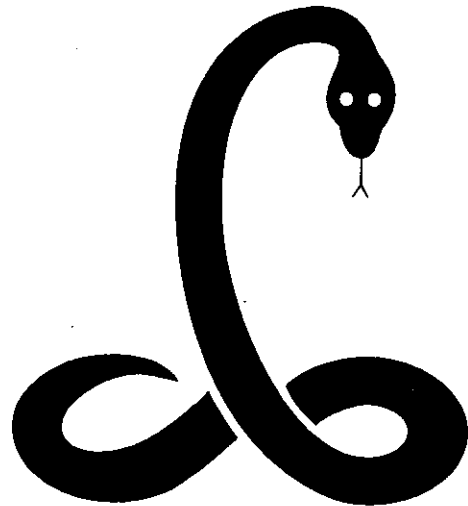
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My Favorite Animal



My favorite animal is the snake.
And I'm going to bake for my snake.
A pumpkin pie as big as the sky.
I might eat it with my snake.



Seth Groody
Maloney Magnet
Gr. K



RAIN

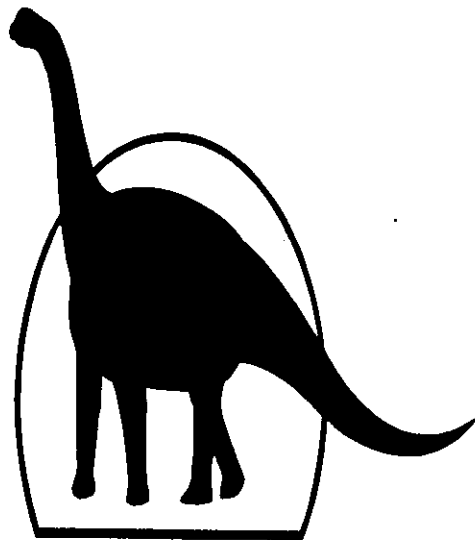
God makes rain fall from the
sky
So all the plants and flowers
won't die
Rain makes them grow so we
can eat
At the same time, it gives me
wet feet.



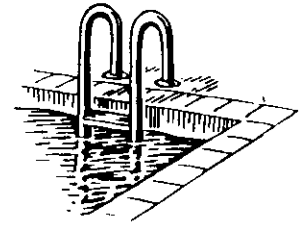
Amanda Dovidaitis
Blessed Sacrament
Gr. 1

Brontosaurus

Browsed for food at the tops of trees
Reptile that lived in the Jurassic Period
Over seventy feet long
Not a fierce hunter like T-Rex
The ground thundered when it walked
Over thirty tons it weighed
Small headed plant-eater
Also known as Apatosaurus
Unable to hide easily from its enemies
Relative of Diplodocus and Supersaurus
Used its tail for balance
Slow moving giant



Lorin Venturis
Maloney Magnet
Gr. 2



OUTDOORS

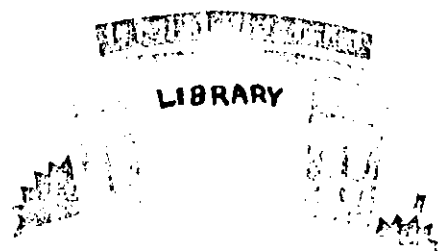
On my way home from school,
I looked over at my best friend's pool.
I thought that it would be really nice
if it wasn't so full of ice.

I wish it was a summer day
so I can go outside and play, play, play.
I wouldn't have to wear my hat,
and I could chase my neighbor's cat.



I wish summer would come at last
and melt the snow outside real fast.
But for now I'll go and play
outside in the snow today.

Stefanie Correia
St. Mary
Gr. 3



THE LIBRARY

A building with many rooms to view;
 A place where silence is the "Golden Rule".
 A retreat to go to learn about the present and the past;
 To gain the knowledge to help us surpass
 The generation before us who faithfully vowed
 That we would be a nation eternally proud.
 The library is a most friendly place
 To read, to think, to learn at your own pace.
 And so this building with so many books
 has given me the way to see how everything works.

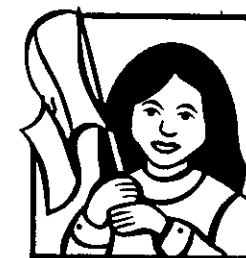
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A Polish Girl Comes to America

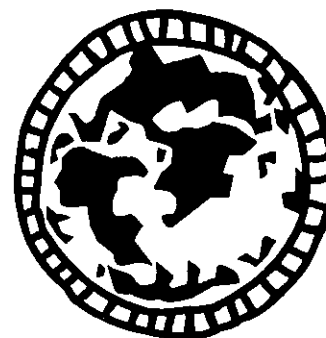
Alien
 Scared, Shy
 Hoping, Praying, Adjusting
 Language, Lifestyle, Clothes, Faces
 Learning, Speaking, Meeting
 Comfortable, Relieved
 Me

Student
 Determined, Ready
 Playing, Laughing, Understanding
 Awards, Applause, Support, Cheers Achiev-
 ing, Succeeding, Discovering Smart, Clever
 Winner

Friend
 Happy, Excited
 Loving, Caring, Trusting
 Family, Community, Schools,
 Clubs Helping, Encouraging, Explaining Ad-
 justed, Taught
 Alien



Anita Klusak (Tie)
 West Side Middle
 Gr. 5



Nicole Aviles (Tie)
 St. Mary
 Gr. 5

I Wonder

On earth there are birds, and
 bees, flowers, trees, people, and me.
 I wonder, are we the aliens to them?
 Are we their stars, moon, or sun?
 Do they have art, music, school, movies,
 or have any fun?
 Do they have people of different colors,
 languages, and style?
 Do they play basketball, softball or
 simply run for a while?
 Are there any Rebecca Lobos', Martin
 Luther Kings', or Mother Theresas'.
 On our planet they are heroes,
 on their planet they may not have
 enough toes.
 Who knows what the future holds,
 But right now, all I can do is wonder.

When I Grow Up



When I grow up

I want to have fun.

I have so many dreams I can't pick just one.

Maybe I'll be a chef and create wonderful meals

Or maybe I'll be a lawyer and make legal deals.

I can be the author of children's books

I can be a stylist and create marvelous looks.

I can even be president of the United States,

I can make history in my debate!

When I grow up I can be so many things

But until I do, I'll see what life brings.

Samantha Tata
Blessed Sacrament
Gr. 6

Kathleen Solernou
Blessed Sacrament
Gr. 7

Shadows

Standing tall,
Ten feet high,
Is something called a shadow,
That makes you ask why.

Why do I have a shadow?
Why does it follow me around?
Why does it always wear black?
Why does it never make a sound?

These questions, sad to say,
Will never have answers,
Because my shadow is not alive,
It is not a doctor, nor a dancer.

All it does is stand by me,
And follow me all day,
And day after day I ask it,
Will you ever go away?

It seems as though my shadow,
Is here to stay as long as I'm alive,
So every time I look at the ground,
It will always be there, right by my side.





Charles Guerrera
Blessed Sacrament
Gr. 8

"If I were Elected President..."

If I were elected President of a small
business, large corporation or the U.S.A.
I'd put my faith in the Almighty to help me
lead the way.

I'd have an open door policy for all to
speak,
From the harshest person to the very meek.

I'd listen with a clear heart and mind,
Working with my council to see what we could
find.

I'd work hard for the country that I love,
Using the symbol of the Holy Spirit, known
as the white dove.

In the end when my term is all done,
My dream is to see us all living as one.



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