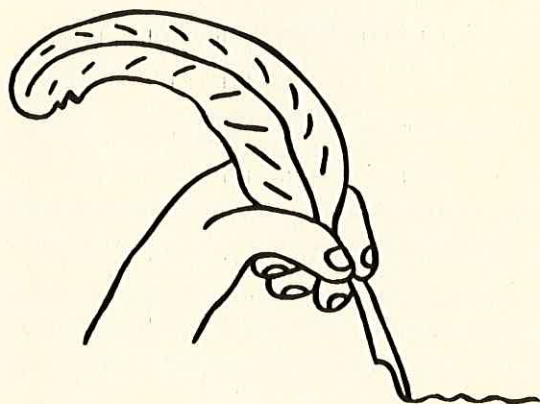


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# **28TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST**

## **THEMES BY GRADE**

**K DOGS**

**1 SNOW**

**2 MY FAVORITE SEASON**

**3 THE ZOO**

**4 BIRTHDAYS**

**5 SECRETS**

**6 I WISH...**

**7 THE CITY IN SUMMER**

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## **FIRST PRIZE WINNERS**

**K Katherine Drewry  
Maloney Magnet**

**1 Robert Ernst  
Tinker School**

**2 Foxx Dube  
Homeschooled**

**3 Jennifer Forget  
Rotella Magnet**

**4 Leah Chouinard  
Rotella Magnet**

**5 Andre Gary  
St. Margaret's**

**6 Chelsea Duncan  
Trinity Academy**

**7 Marlese Torres  
North End Middle**

**8 April Valentien  
Trinity Academy**



## DOGS

Dogs.  
How I like them.  
They are so funny.  
They make me laugh,  
When they lick me.

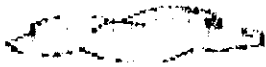
Katherine Drewry  
Maloney Magnet—K



## THE SNOWFLAKE

A little snowflake dropped on the ground.  
He rolled and rolled all around.  
A shovel came and picked him up.  
He was brought inside, what luck.  
The problem was it was too warm.  
And the snowflake melted -all gone.

Robert Ernst  
Tinker School-1



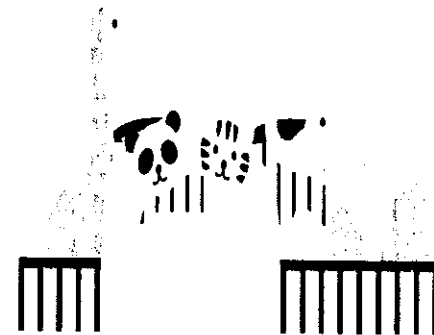
## **WINTER SNOW**

**Winter!  
Snow falls onto  
the hard and silent hills.  
Birds chirp off in the distant sky,  
flying!**

**Foxx Dube  
Homeschooled-2**

## **At the Zoo**

**One day I went to the zoo.  
I saw a monkey.  
Who wanted to play peek a boo.  
I saw a leopard with big black spots.  
They looked like big polka dots.  
The giraffe had a long long neck.  
He wanted to bend and give me a peck.  
What a great day at the zoo.  
When I had to leave I said boo-hoo.**



**Jennifer Forget  
Rotella Magnet-3**

## BIRTHDAYS



It's the time to celebrate you  
To party and be with friends, too.

It's the time of year  
When you hold family dear.  
We all shout and scream  
then have cake and ice cream,  
Unwrap presents galore,  
And hope for many more.  
A birthday is a special day  
to celebrate you in every way.

Leah Chouinard  
Rotella Magnet-4

## Secrets

Secrets are quiet  
and could also cause a riot  
Secrets are mysterious  
and could make people curious.  
Secrets could be about all kinds of things  
love, boys, girls and evil schemes  
Secrets are not to get out  
But if they do that'll be the main thing people will  
talk about.  
Secrets are to be kept inside  
and not to be brought outside  
Secrets could be harmful if that secret isn't true  
and it could be hurtful when it is told about you.  
Secrets could be joyful and filled with lots of glee  
filled with lots of happiness and wished for you and me  
Now don't forget to hold your secrets deep down  
in your hearts  
and you will make a lot of friends  
and they will never depart.



Andre Gary  
St. Margaret's-5

## I WISH...

I wish I could run under the sun's great heat  
running on both hands and feet.

I wish I could howl at the shining moon  
on guard with my pack at the dune.

I wish I could drink from the river so clear  
while keeping my eye on a grazing deer.

I wish I could only be  
a mighty wolf running free.

I wish I had teeth so sharp and white  
to use for hunting late at night.

I wish I could smell things so far away  
to help me capture all of my prey.

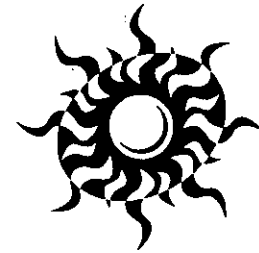
I wish I had fur so thick and warm  
to help protect me against a cold winter storm.

I wish I could only be  
a mighty wolf running free.



Chelsea Duncan  
Trinity Academy-6

## The City In Summer



As fast as my father mows,  
The green grass grows and grows.

Everyone rides bikes,  
As my sister and I go for hikes.

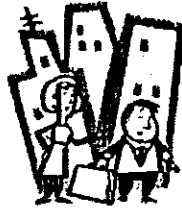
Kids playing in the park,  
Teens hiding in the dark,  
People walking, and my friends talking.

Watching the sun rise  
Is like opening Cracker Jacks  
And pulling out the cool prize.

My dog runs down the street,  
Who knows who she will meet.  
My brother goes to wash his cars  
And I look through my telescope at Mars.  
The city in summer is as beautiful as ever  
When it ends, hopefully never!

Marlese Torres  
North End Middle-7

## WHAT MAKES WATERBURY BEAUTIFUL



Waterbury is beautiful in its special way  
Now this is what I have to say  
Kids play in the grass  
When they are in the City of Brass  
Smiling faces all around  
While you hear the lovely church bells sound  
The clock tower in the sky  
Is a landmark that you can't pass by  
Taking trips to the mall  
Wishing you could buy it all  
Domenic & Pia's has the best pizza to eat  
It is in downtown Waterbury on a little side street  
The horse that stands high on the green  
Is a sight that should be seen  
The cross that stands on the hill so high  
Reminds us that God's love is close by  
Roller-skating, bowling, movies, too  
There are always lots of things to do  
Waterbury is beautiful in its special way  
And that is all I have to say

April Valentien  
Trinity Academy-8

## HONORABLE MENTION

K Ms. Sanchez's class (shared)

Maloney Magnet

1 Amanda Olson

Blessed Sacrament

2 Andrew Morgan

St. Margaret's

3 Nicole Gatti

Rotella Magnet

4 Norah Young

St. Margaret's

5 Henry Sahn

St. Peter & Paul

6 Kaylin Dombroski

Wallace Middle

7 Pilar Lee

Trinity Academy

8 Jenna Wilke

St. Mary Magdalen



## BILLY THE DOG

My dog is funny  
He plays with a bunny.  
My dog is silly  
His name is Billy.  
He does tricks  
with some sticks.  
He takes a nap  
as he lays on my lap.



Ms. Sanchez's class  
Maloney Magnet-k

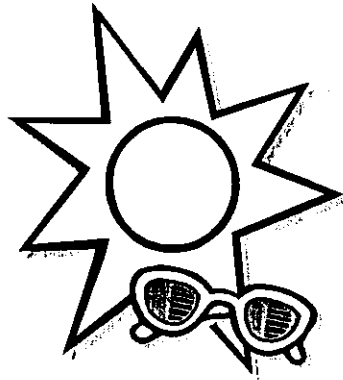
## SNOW

In the snow I make big  
round balls  
They become a snowman  
that is tall  
I'll give him a button nose  
And some red clothes  
But this isn't the end  
I'll make some more  
of my snow friends.



Amanda Olson  
Blessed Sacrament-1

## SUMMER



The summer is fun  
And I soak in the sun.  
The beautiful flowers smell good.  
I play in my neighborhood.  
The days pass slowly by  
And I watch the birds in the sky.  
Finally! I'm ready for camp.  
I'll be the swimming champ.  
I'll sleep in the woods in a tent.  
Summer always makes me feel content.

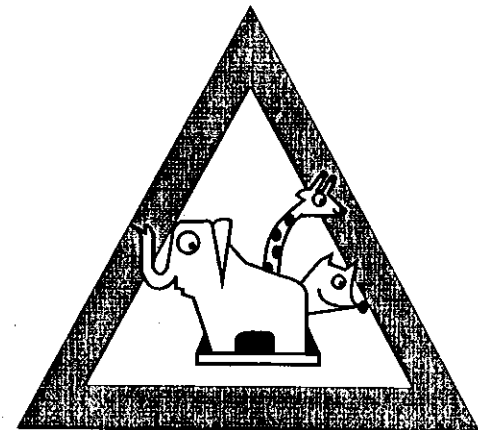
Andrew Morgan  
St. Margaret's-2

## THE ZOO

### Zoo

Colorful, bright  
Seeing, feeling, knowing  
A place to see animals

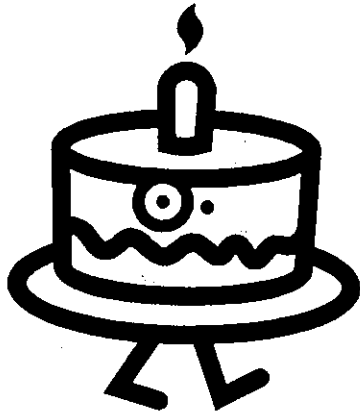
### Habitat



Nicole Gatti  
Rotella Magnet-3

## **Birthdays**

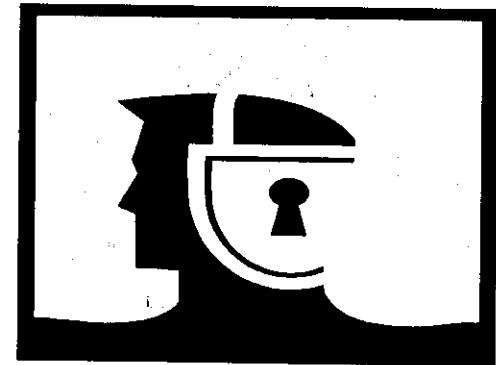
Ice cream, cakes, and candles too,  
Birthday treats are just for you,  
Gifts, confetti, parties, friends,  
I can't wait until just then!



Norah Young  
St. Margaret's-4

## **Secrets**

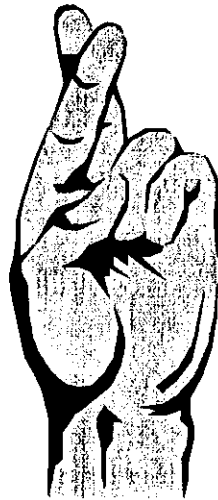
I have a secret I've never told  
And I will never tell it till I'm old  
It burns inside me like fire and steam  
And cools me down like a bowl of ice cream  
Sometimes I'm happy about it, sometimes sad  
Sometimes it gets me really mad  
I will always hold like a safe  
You'll never see it in my face  
You will never make me tell it  
Even if you make fun of me in public  
It is a secret I will always keep  
Until I make my final sleep



Henry Sahn  
St. Peter & Paul-5

## I WISH

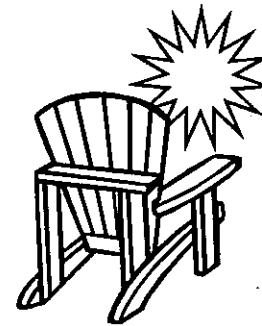
I wish a lot of things,  
For puppy dogs and diamond rings.  
I wish I had 6 hats in blue,  
And 13 puzzles I could do.  
I wish for pizza, cookies, and milk,  
Some shirts all woven in green silk.  
I wish I had a tree named after me,  
And a pet bumble bee.  
I wish for a lot of things,  
But mostly for a hippo that sings.  
(tee hee)



Kaylin Dombroski  
Wallace Middle-6

## THE CITY IN THE SUMMER

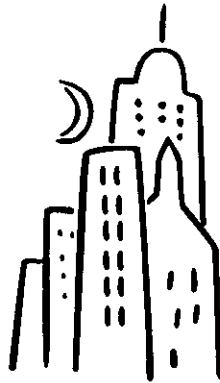
The city in the summer what a delight it brings  
To see such pure and beautiful things  
The sky so blue, the flowers so bright  
How could you resist such a beautiful sight  
The noise in the city brings music to my ears  
How could you possibly describe all the sounds you hear  
The cars, the buses, the bikes, the trains  
All make the blood rush through my veins  
Sometimes it's hard to avoid the heat  
But that doesn't stop the pedestrians on the street  
All of these things shouldn't be erased  
Never let any of these gifts go to waste  
It will be gone before you know it  
You won't believe it's true  
It's amazing how short our seasons are  
And how quick summer flew



Pilar Lee  
Trinity Academy-7

## WHAT MAKES WATERBURY BEAUTIFUL

What makes Waterbury beautiful?  
Some people will say.  
Well that's plain to see  
On any old day.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is not just the brilliant lights  
That shine right through the dark  
And light our streets at night.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is not just the schools that teach  
How to read, how to write,  
And the proper use of speech.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is not just the tall green trees  
That stand in our pretty parks  
And rustle in the breeze.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is not just the library so grand  
With such a wide selection of books  
For our knowledge to expand.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is not just the buildings so tall  
That tower over our streets  
And surround our Brass Mill Mall.



What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is not just the neighborhoods so unique  
With group of Italians and French,  
Spanish, Lebanese, and Greek.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
I should not have to remind  
Because it's not hard to see,  
Understand, or hard to find.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is not just all of these  
But the people who are part of these groups  
Working in these buildings and caring for these trees.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is what you can't see just by looking,  
But what you see when you meet the people  
Who are kind and welcoming.  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
Is truly a definite  
It's the wonderful caring people  
Who are full of town spirit  
What makes Waterbury beautiful...  
And what rises above the rest  
Is that it's home to everyone here  
That's why it is the BEST!



Jenna Wilke  
St. Mary Magdalen-8

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