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FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

K Andrew Svitlik
Trinity Academy

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St. Mary

2 Danielle Orlando
Bunker Hill

3 Arlee Biggins
Maloney Magnet

4 Samantha Thompson
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5 Jillian Dellano
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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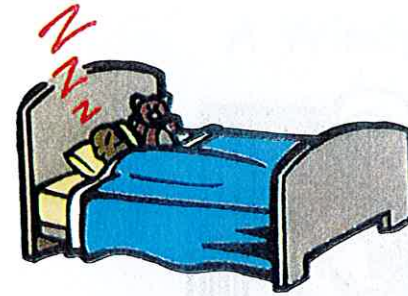
8 Becka Grosso
St. Mary



TOYS

I like toys
Lots and lots of toys
Especially my Gameboy
I like to build with Legos
I like to listen to my radio
Soon I'll be having a birthday with the
boys
And I'll be getting -
you guessed it-
more toys!

Andrew Svitlik
Trinity Academy-K



BEDTIME

I don't like it when it's time for bed
because I'm scared of some things in my head.

Sometimes I have scary dreams
of wolves and bears-I just want to scream!

Sometimes my dreams are nice,
I'm playing outside or running like mice.
When it's bedtime I think of these things
and wonder what the next dream will bring.

But I know Mommy and Daddy are right across
the hall,
So I don't have to be worried about anything at
all!

Lauren Williamson
St. Mary-1



A LOVE FOR PETS

Pets are great!
 They make me smile.
 I wouldn't want to leave them,
 Except for a short while.
 A lot of people have pets you see,
 But they are a big responsibility.
 Pets need food, water and care
 But most of all a family
 with love to share.

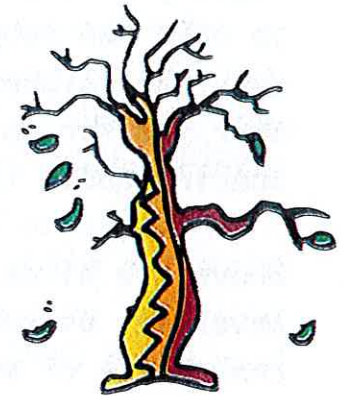
Danielle Orlando
 Bunker Hill-2

A Windy Day

Leaves falling to the ground.
 Flags ripping round and round.

Clothes flapping on the line.
 Letters flying off the signs.

Kites,
 Fly high up in the sky.
 They disappear.
 I say,
 "Bye, bye."



Be sure to hold on to your hat.
 It might fly off and land on your cat.

All these things,
 I'd like to say,
 Can happen on a windy day.

Arlee Biggins
 Maloney Magnet-3



HAPPINESS IS

Bareback on my horse, I'm riding,
Under the big oak trees.
Tightly I hold my reins
To make the jump with ease.
Over the rainbow we fly
Near the sun up high,
Soaring above the clouds

Above the birds in the sky
Never let us come down
Dear horse of mine.

May we ride forever
Enjoying the magic time.

Buttons and Me

Samantha Thompson

Rotella Magnet-4

DREAMS

In dreams anything can appear
A dream can be filled with fun or fear
A dream can be of a life you wish
Or it can be filled with people you miss.

Some people dream in black or white
Some people dream in color
Some dreams are filled with lots of fright
Some dreams are even about your mother.

Everyone dreams every night
All of your dreams are about our life
We don't always remember a dream we have
But I love the dreams that make me laugh.



Jillian Dellano

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-5

FRIENDS

F is for forever, the friends that we will be.

R is for respect that you always give to me.

I will never be alone because there's always "we".

E is for each other, my soul mate, my chum, my buddy.

N is for the niceness that comes so naturally.

D is for our dear friendship, it's true, it holds the key.

S is for sharing secrets, between only you and me.



Rebecca Cordani

St. Mary-6

MUSIC

Soft, melancholy notes drive into your heart

Threatening to tear your soul apart.

Triumphant, jubilant tunes awaken

So, tired feet join in the dancing.

A peaceful melody

Rests you in harmony.

A lullaby, a jubilant song,

They all will make the heart

grow strong.



Kristen Albert

Trinity Academy-7

A WISH



If I could make one wish come true
I'd make the world different and new
I'd make it so no one would be lonely
We'd all be real-no one phony
Everyone would fulfill his wildest dreams
Life would be better than Krispy Kremes
There would be no wars or foreign fights
No one in dark without any light
There would be no populars or nerds
Smart kids-dumb kids-no bad words
There would be no crushes or broken hearts
Fatal diseases or broken parts
I wish we could reach the impossible
If we shared we'd be unstoppable
In a world no one could resist
We'd all have faith-and persist.

Becka Grosso

St. Mary-8

HONORABLE MENTION

K Emily Marold
St. Mary

1 Logan Brown
Blessed Sacrament

2 Brittany Mariah Burgos
Bunker Hill

3 Ian Riley
St. Mary

4 Mariah Marie Soto
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MY FAVORITE TOYS

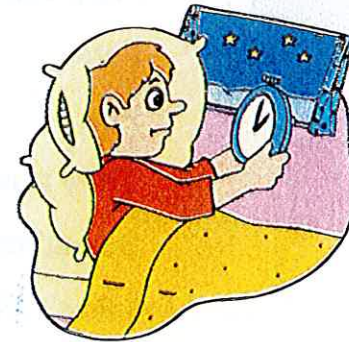
My favorite toys don't make noise.
Some are for girls as well as boys.
My Build -A- Bear is great to share.
I take Princess everywhere.
My Barbie dolls are just great.
I'll have 100 at this rate.
My favorite toys come in many shapes.
Some even come with a video tape.
Games and ponies are fun.
But my Easy Bake oven is number 1.
I am very thankful for every one.
My favorite toys are so much fun.

Emily Marold

St. Mary-K

BEDTIME

When I go to bed at night
I close my eyes and sleep real tight.
I know the bed bugs will not bite
because I'm snuggled in real tight.
I love to go to bed at night because
I know I'll be alright.



Logan Brown

Blessed Sacrament-1



PETS

Pets,

Pets,

Fish in nets.

Cats,

Cats,

I like their fur.

Cats,

Cats,

I like their purr.

Pets,

Pets,

They are so nice,

Sometimes,

I don't like mice.

Brittany Mariah Burgos

Bunker Hill-2



A WINDY DAY

I looked outside.

I see the breeze,

has blown the leaves right off the trees.

I look for my coat and my hat

I spot them right by the cat.

I go outside

The wind feels great.

There I go, out the gate

A gust of wind blows me high.

It blows me up to the sky.

I start to laugh, I have some fun.

It's time to go, I have to run.

Ian Riley

St. Mary-3

HAPPINESS IS

Happiness is the sun shining,

The flowers blooming,

Kids flying their kites.

Wow, look at them fly,
so high in the sky!

Knowing that God loves each
and every one of us;
That's what happiness is.



Mariah Marie Soto
Trinity Academy-4

DREAMS

Some dreams are good.

Some dreams are bad.

Some dreams make you happy.

Some dreams make you sad.

Some dreams are disappointing

Leaving you mad.

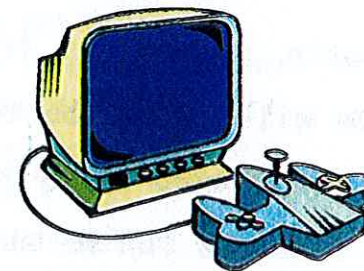
Some dreams are amazing

Leaving you glad.

You can dream about fortune.

You can dream about fame.

You can dream you invented a video game.



Day Quon Byrd
Children's Community-5

FRIENDS



Flashlight tag on summer nights,
Four square at the lake,
whiffleball in Grandpa's yard,
It's fun that we can't fake.

Snow on the golf course
Means we're sliding and colliding.
A short break for cocoa
Then out for more sled riding.

My cousin, my pal, my friend,
I know will always be there.
I'll always keep in my heart,
The fabulous fun we share.

James Blinstrubas
St. Mary-6

MUSIC

She sat down
ready to play.
She turned the page.
It was the Nutcracker
by Tchaikovsky.
Her fingers
touched the keys.
Music filled the air.
She stopped,
and the crowd roared.
She turned the page again.
It was Sonata
by Beethoven.
Wondrous tunes
filled the music hall.
She received
a standing ovation.
"Wow!
What a concert."
"Yeah, that was great."
said people from the audience.
Then, the pianist
went home to get
a good night's rest.
Tomorrow is another
big day
full of music!



Angelica Ferrazzi
Blessed Sacrament-7

IF I COULD MAKE A WISH COME TRUE

If I can make a wish come true,
it would be
the ultimate
golfer's dream.
To go up to a Par 3,
put my ball on my tee,
and swing away.
A shot so smooth,
you could barely hear its music.
How it begins as a faint whistle,
reaching its highest note, arching the air,
knitting a chorus between sand traps and water hazards.
It sings down the fairway,
then beats the drum of the green three times,
ringing the tin cup,
sweetly proclaiming for all to know...
A HOLE-IN-ONE!



Joseph Ciarleglio
Blessed Sacrament-8

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