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THEMES BY GRADE

- 1 BABY ANIMALS**
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- 3 MY SPECIAL FRIEND**
- 4 SCARY THINGS**
- 5 THE FUNNIEST PERSON I KNOW**
- 6 MY FAVORITE INVENTION**
- 7 THE WINTER OLYMPICS**
- 8 TEXTING**



**2010
FIRST PRIZE WINNERS**

- 1 Matthew Keating
 Blessed Sacrament School**
- 2 Ra'zhanay Watson
 Wendell Cross School**
- 3 Nyzhare Merritt
 Hopeville School**
- 4 Tahia Rinehart
 St. Mary School**
- 5 Julia Sheetz
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School**
- 6 Logan Bandelloni
 Waterbury Arts Magnet School**
- 7 Terrah Harris
 St. Mary School**
- 8 Mario Paternostro
 St. Mary School**



BABY ANIMALS

**Baby animals are so small.
They run around and have a ball.**

**A baby elephant is a calf.
They are big and like to laugh.**

**A baby fish is called a fry.
I really hope they never cry.**

**A baby rabbit is called a bunny.
The are white fluffy and very funny.**

**A baby girl horse is called a filly.
That name sounds silly.**

**Baby animals love their mothers.
But I really love my brother.**

Matthew Keating

Blessed Sacrament School 1



MY FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR

Snow Storm, Snow Storm.

**It's my favorite time of the year
when you come snow storm.**

**I love the way you glow in the night
and flow with height.**

**Snow Storm, Snow Storm
you help make my snow angels
perfect and snowmen come to life.
The long hours we spend together
make me feel warm inside.**

**As spring comes, I begin to feel sad,
but I know you'll be back soon so I start to feel glad.**

**Snow Storm, Snow Storm.
Its my favorite time of the year
when you come snow storm.**

Ra'zhanay Watson

Wendell Cross 2



MY SPECIAL FRIEND

**My special friend is good to me.
I've known her since she was three.
She said that she is moving away.
But I wish that she would stay.
She is like my sister.
I know that I will always miss her.
We always dance around the room.
And when we prance we fall, kaboom!
We have the same kind of pet.
Our cats get along too, you can bet!
She is always good to me.
And that's the kind of friend I want to be.
She is always there when I am sad.
She always makes me glad.
My special friend is Francine.**

Nyzhare Merritt

Hopeville School 3



HAUNTED HOUSE

**There's a house upon the hilltop
We will not go inside
For that is where the witches live
Where ghosts and goblins hide**

**Tonight they have their party
All the lights are burning bright
But oh we will not go inside
The haunted house tonight**

**The demons there are whirling
We see them through the window light
They sing their songs to Halloween music
On this gusty, windy and dark spooky night**

**But we do not want to go there
So we run with all our might
Oh we will not go inside
The haunted house tonight**

Tahia Rhinehart



THE FUNNIEST PERSON I KNOW

**The funniest person that I know
Is Mr. Dimp Dimp Dimpety Doe
Who lives in the valley of Tokyo
And has an ear on his toe.**

**He eats some kind of different cheese
That he always chews
It makes him sneeze
And turns his skin navy blue.**

**He always does tricks
Like he's some kind of wizard
Making the sun go away
Or turning rain into a cold blizzard.**

**He oinks like a pig
Barks likes a dog
Meows like a cat
And rolls like a log**

**He is as funny as can be
Wherever he may go
For he is Mr. Dimp Dimp Dimpety Doe
The funniest person that I know!**

Julia Sheetz



NAPKIN

Even though it is paper thin

Some would consider it a sin

If I fail to wear it on my lap

As I travel the map

My napkin and I are partners in crime

It's always available to clean my mess

I could be anyone's guest

Looking totally prim

As I use my napkin

Logan Bandelloni

Waterbury Arts Magnet School 6



THE WINTER OLYMPICS

**The Winter Olympics are fun to see
All the sports are interesting to me
I love to watch the luge race
They don't ever go the same pace
Dancers skate on the glistening ice
The twirling and jumping always looks nice

The hockey team must be brave
It's good when they make a nice save
Snowboarders fly through the air
They never seem to have a care
Some skiers tumble in the snow
But everyone puts on a really great show**

Terrah Harris



LET IT BE

**In a technological world that always grows,
Many new things a teenager knows.**

**He might know how to play a game,
And she might be able to do the same.**

**The computer has games that everyone plays,
The most popular one is the phone of today.**

**A push of some buttons without any sounds,
Kids are involved and drama abounds.**

**No phone calls, no messages used anymore,
Texting and reading that's what it is for.**

**A simple keyboard from 0 to 9,
You can communicate all of the time.**

**It's good and it's bad in some different ways,
Texting too much might just be a phase.**

**Use it properly, not in church, or in school,
Most people agree there must be a rule.**

**Let's keep it and use it wisely you see,
But sometimes you should just let it be.**

Mario Paternostro

St. Mary School 8



2010

HONORABLE MENTION

- 1** **Dianne Torres**
 Bucks Hill School

- 2** **Averi Thier**
 Sts. Peter & Paul School

- 3** **Katelyn Malinis**
 Carrington School

- 4** **Julio Alcala**
 Bucks Hill School

- 5** **Alyssa Famiglietti**
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School

- 6** **Marlene Kabeya**
 Waterbury Arts Magnet School

- 7** **Nia Ridenhour**
 St. Mary School

- 8** **Thomas Carissimi**
 St. Mary School



BABY ELEPHANT

He looks like a gray round ball.

He feels like a rough rock.

He smells like the farm.

He stomps like a giant.

Diane Torres

Bucks Hills School 1



A SUDDEN SNOWSTORM

**Once it was a sunny day,
Joey went outside to play.
But soon the snow started falling,
and his Mommy came calling,
So Joey went hauling.
Inside to play Wii.**

Averi Thier

Sts. Peter & Paul School 2



MY SPECIAL FRIEND

**My special friend is cool
We used to go to the same school**

**Now I always go to her house
We play with her Littlest Pet Shop mouse**

**She is always kind
And always tells what's on her mind**

**When we play Capture the Flag
I always think we are playing tag**

**We help her mom plant flowers
We play like we have powers**

**We go to her friend's basketball games
We know all the players' names**

**Since she's my special friend
Our friendship will never end**

Katelyn Malinis

Carrington School 3



THE SNOWMAN KILLER

The snowman killer is a very shiny guy.

He destroys them and makes them look like goo.

When they go down, they have a tear in their eye.

When snowmen melt, the water looks blue.

The snowman killer doesn't carry a gun.

He is yellowish orange

His name is THE SUN.

Julio Alcala

Bucks Hill School 4



THE FUNNIEST PERSON I KNOW

**I know a clown named Lyle
Who always makes me smile.
He tells funny jokes
To all of the folks.**

**He works in the circus and makes funny faces
As he travels to many different places.
His car is loaded with no place to sit.
I don't understand how all his friends fit.**

**He dances around to the beat
With big red shoes on his feet.
He walks on stilts up so high
It looks like he could reach the sky.**

**That trickster always gets me with a squirting flower
That is attached to his shirt by his collar.
While the circus is here, I am filled with laughter.
It lasts until the day after.**

Alyssa Famiglietti

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School 5



MY FAVORITE INVENTION (JEANS)

**My favorite invention is nice and keen
You see them everywhere, even in magz.
On tv or construction crews
Everybody loves their styled blues
Ripped or cut
Faded or new
With winter boots
Or tennis shoes
Children, writers
Farmers, teens
The world's in love with their incredible
blue Jeans!**

Marlene Kabeya

Waterbury Arts Magnet School 6



MY OLYMPIC VICTORY

**I'm ready, I'm bold
Gonna go home with the gold
I'm almost there
I can see everyone stare**

**I got the victory
All eyes are on me
I am the best
Because I beat all the rest**

**Nia Ridenhour
St. Mary School 7**



TEXTING

Texting is the way we talk

It's how we kids know where to walk

We kids are texting all the time

Message to inbox and our phones chime

I can't remember when I last got a call

But I'm pretty sure I was not this tall

I love my phone because it's mine

If I didn't have it I would whine

Kids these days are never bored

We just grab our phones with no cord

We text all day when it's light

And all through the evening, into the night

What would I do if my phone ever broke?

I would probably have a massive stroke!

Everyone is texting, texting world wide

But for texting in class, I would get fried.

Thomas Carissimi

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