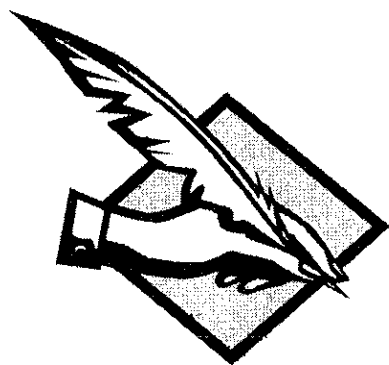


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Retired Waterbury Teacher-Special Education and Second Grade.**

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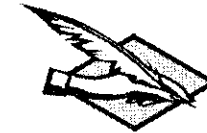
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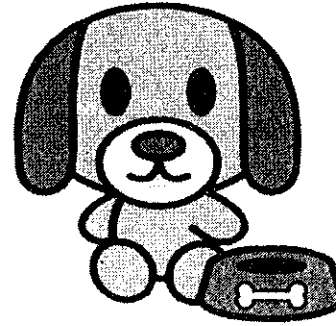
**THEMES BY GRADE**

- 1 KITTENS OR PUPPIES**
- 2 SOUNDS I LIKE**
- 3 IT'S SPRING**
- 4 MAGIC**
- 5 MY FAVORITE ATHLETE**
- 6 VEHICLES OF THE FUTURE**
- 7 AVATARS**
- 8 CULTURAL IDENTITY**



## **FIRST PRIZE WINNERS 2011**

- 1 Joshua Nghiem**
- 2 Frank Trosky**
- 3 Yesenia Feliciano**
- 4 Hannah Dombroski**
- 5 Nicholas Barrett**
- 6 Julia Sheetz**
- 7 Tim Healey**
- 8 Rachael Pettinicchi**



## **PUPPIES**

Puppies are cute, puppies are new,  
I like to play with them, wouldn't you?

Puppies bark and love to be patted on the head,  
Then they fall asleep in your bed.

I teach them new tricks,  
And keep them away from ticks.

They like to chase cars and run around in the yard,  
Keeping them safe is hard.

You have to feed them and brush their hair,  
Then you catch them chewing on your chair.

I love puppies they are so much fun,  
Too bad, I only have one.

**Joshua Nghiem**

**SS Peter & Paul School 1**



## **SOUNDS I LIKE**

I like the sounds of waterfalls falling,  
Wind blowing,  
Raindrops falling on the ground,  
Bunnies squeaking,  
Music playing softly,  
Ocean waves and  
Whistling birds.

**Frank Trosky**

**SS Peter & Paul School 2**



## **Spring Fever**

Warm April breezes  
Swirling angrily through my hair

Birds chirping in the trees  
Outside of the County Fair

As I walk through the sand  
Noticing the sun's warm feel

My heart is excited  
About the new Ferris Wheel.

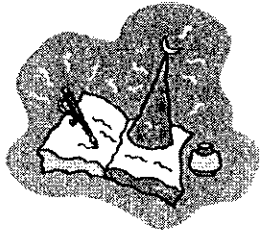
At the top I feel like I am in flight  
Like a bird everything is in sight.

Everyone is looking up  
At the cloud shaped like a tea cup.

Spring Fever is coming everyone  
Come outside and have fun in the sun!!

**Yesenia Feliciano**

**Rotella Magnet School 3**



## A MAGIC POTION

There was once a big commotion  
about a magic potion  
that everyone was drinking.

It was said,  
It went straight to your head  
and helped you with your thinking.

I don't know why;  
but when I went to try  
to see what it was about

It was just the opposite,  
and my mind just quit.

I couldn't get my thoughts out.

I heard in time;  
that for the mind,

It was incredible.  
But I only found  
that I was bound  
to be a giant vegetable!

**Hannah Dombroski**

**Blessed Sacrament 4**



## MY FAVORITE ATHLETE

When it comes to great players  
Who shine out on the court  
One name comes to my mind  
On my list that's very short.

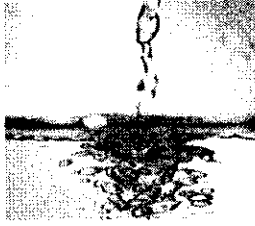
From his days as a UConn Husky  
To his career as an all-star pro  
The awards that he has won  
As one of the best in the show.

Ray Allen is my favorite player;  
He plays with heart and passion.  
His career statistics show it;  
Full focus with no distraction.

The Celtics are playing for the title  
Seventeen championships, any takers?  
I'm sure they want to face him.  
Bring on Kobe and the Lakers

**Nicholas Barrett**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel 5**



## **The H2O MOBILE**

If you want to go far,  
hop in your water car.  
The H2O mobile,  
has recycled rubber for its wheels.

It runs really fast,  
but no need for any gas.  
For this you need only one thing to go,  
and that is the good old H2O.

It is the future generation;  
no need for comparing another creation.  
It's striped with blue and white;  
when crashed puts up a good fight.

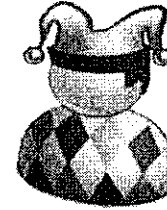
This car does exactly what it's told.  
Besides just driving on the road,  
underwater driving is also possible.  
You have to buy this vehicle.

Life jackets are the seats that are secure.  
All of these features leave you wanting more.  
The H2O mobile doesn't need an update  
because this vehicle is surely great.

There is just one question:  
"WATER you waiting for?!"

**Julia Sheetz**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel 6**



## **My Avatar is a Guy to See...**

My avatar is a guy to see  
He's very funny just like me,  
He tells jokes and riddles to all of his friends  
And they never stop laughing until the end.

My avatar is tan and tall,  
Taller than the Brass Mill Mall  
And when people see him they have a look of fear,  
For they think that the end is near.

He may look ferocious, but is very kind,  
And little do people know that he has a smart mind.  
And if you mess with him, that's just not cool.  
So don't be surprised if he throws you in a pool.

My avatar's name is Mike.  
He likes to ride his bike.  
He'll ride it all through the outdoors  
But he has to be careful of all his body sores.

As I said before, Mike is just like me  
He likes to play sports and watch TV.  
I usually think that we're different from each other,  
But then I realize we're the same as one another.

**Tim Healey**

**St. Mary School 7**



## **Alike in Dignity**

They were our ancestors  
Wishing for a new life  
Moved to a new place  
To escape hardship and strife

Taking their things  
And customs along  
They were passed down to us  
And they make us belong

Their traditions  
They brought from so far  
Let us know of our past  
And remember who we are

Our culture to us  
Is an important thing  
How you celebrate occasions  
To the songs that you sing

You may always eat  
Pasta, beans or rice  
Celebrate Hanukkah, Boxing Day or Carnival  
And that's all very nice

We live in the United States  
Which is one of the places  
Where you may become acquainted  
With people of all different races

Although we seem quite different  
And eclectic and apart  
We all have family traditions  
We keep so close to our hearts

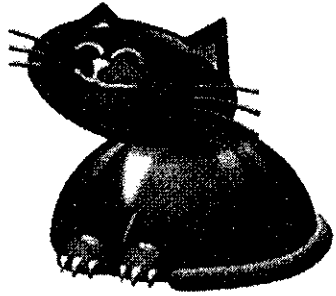
**Rachael Pettinicchi**

**St. Mary School 8**



## **HONORABLE MENTION 2011**

- 1 Thaddeus Mercier**
- 2 Sarah Svitlik**
- 3 Branden Lage**
- 4 Hannah Warren**
- 5 Jessica Borduas**
- 6 Alissa Shiwnarine**
- 7 Ireland Gilmore**
- 8 Katherine Gomes**



## **Spanky Cat**

**I have a kitten named Spanky.**

**He's black and fluffy and sometimes cranky.**

**When I pet his soft fur, it makes him start to purr.**

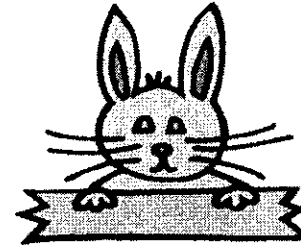
**When he's napping and being lazy,**

**I take out his toys and he starts to act crazy.**

**I love my Spanky cat.**

**Thaddeus Mercier**

**SS Peter & Paul School 1**



## **SOUNDS I LIKE**

**I like the sounds of a bunny  
chewing on a stem;**

**I like the sound of his feet  
hopping around his pen;**

**I like the sound of his whiskers  
blowing in the breeze;**

**I just have to be careful that he doesn't  
make me sneeze!**

**Sarah Svitlik**

**St. John the Evangelist 2**





## Beware, Spring is Here

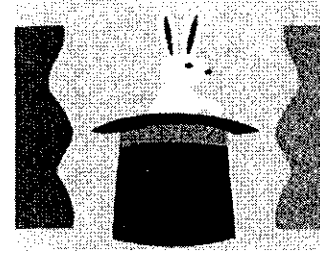
Allergies, allergies  
Get out of my nose

Sneezing and sniffing make my nose red  
I can't go to school and have to stay in my bed

Flowers and pollen are not my best friend  
Won't these allergies just come to an end

Branden Lage

Carrington School 3



## MAGIC

The wizard of woo has something  
to say to you.

Magic dust magic rust.

Bubble gum pop with a hint of chicken pox.

Get a cauldron and a magic wand  
with a soggy batter and a hexagon.

Wickle tickle pickle boo; here's a potion  
just for you.

Witch and wizard war has begun.  
Battle has started; first hit chicken pick.

Zoom, zing, zang pop her from that  
Hag's evil ways.

Wizard is the best as you can see.  
He has won; goodness will come to me.

He goes to his lair to make some  
pig's hair so he'll have a pet with no  
regret.

Ride him with wings; ride him with  
Lasers, but don't ride him with crazy tasers.

Hannah Warren

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## **Maya Moore**

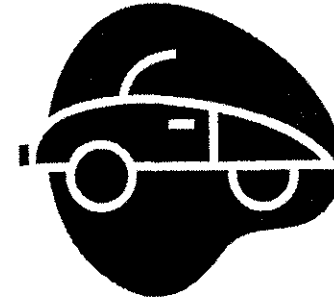
Maya Moore is someone I admire,  
Her skills and talent set the court on fire!  
She makes her shots, no matter what the distance,  
She doesn't fold to the opposing team's resistance.  
She has made UCONN basketball a force to consider,  
She leads her team to not be quitters.

I can only hope to be half as good,  
To stand tall and proud of all that I could.  
Her spirit will guide me to being the best,  
To stand out like her, above all the rest.  
The team should be proud to have made the Final Four,  
It is a difficult feat to get through that door!

So Maya will graduate having lived a great dream,  
Knowing her value to an incredible team!  
To my favorite athlete, I shall not say good-bye,  
Only "Thank You", for such a great ride!

**Jessica Borduas**

**Blessed Sacrament 5**

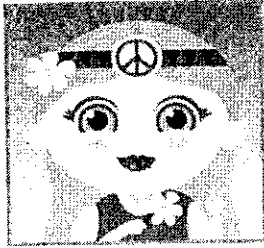


## **Dreaming of the Future**

A car that drives on its own  
A car that is not alone  
Holograms are coming up fast  
No chance of texting, it's in the past  
Blow into your car  
Then, you will go far  
Voice command in control  
So c'mon lets roll!

**Alissa Shiwnarine**

**St. Mary School 6**



### My Avatar

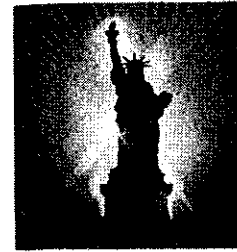
My avatar gives a glimpse of me,  
It acts like my Internet I.D.,  
But it never shows the real me,  
And that is how it should be!

My avatar highlights my blond hair,  
And my big blue eyes.  
My avatar smiles to show that I care,  
But it never tells any lies.

My avatar is my safety,  
Always securing me,  
From everything online that is scary,  
And I know it will never fail me!

**Ireland Gilmore**

**St. Mary School 7**



### **The Melting Pot**

Our flag waves proudly through the sky.  
Red, white, blue-flying high.  
Our country - different from the rest.  
Considered great, but not the best.  
All countries are unique in their own little way.  
From Vietnam, to China, or the UK.  
We accept all people no matter what race.  
We give them our blessing, our thanks, our grace.

During all the months of the year,  
We celebrate holidays from far and near.  
Christmas, Easter, and Hanukkah too,  
Kwanzaa and Thanksgiving, to name just a few.  
People immigrate from all different places,  
We meet new people - all new faces.  
They bring their culture to the United States,  
Where our freedom and happiness awaits.

We are sometimes called the melting pot.  
Various cultures - we have a lot.  
But we're all the same on the inside.  
Full of wisdom, courage, strength, and pride.  
Mix and mix as more people arrive,  
We are as one-that's how we survive.  
We're all Americans in our hearts,  
And nothing could change that nor tear us apart.

**Katherine Gomes**

**St. Mary School 8**

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