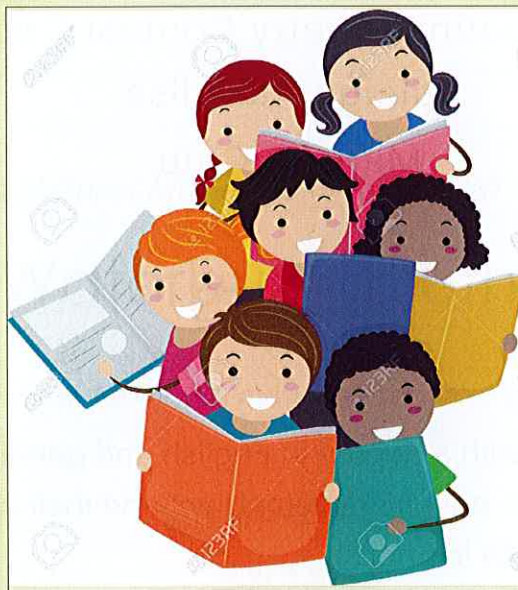


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**THEMES by GRADE**

1st My Favorite Animal

2nd It's Spring!

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**FIRST PRIZE WINNERS**

Grade

1 Alonnie Carangelo

2 Taliyah Venter

3 Tariana Medina

4 Saba Rodriguez

5 Devin Isufi

6 Tzvi Bernstein

7 Brianna Dalipovski

8 Shawn Austin

## Bella the Chicken

Bella the chicken  
was busy in the field pick'in,  
the sweet yellow corn  
that she did not realize her dress was so torn.

*Alonnie Carangelo*

*Children's Community School Grade 1*

## Spring Flowers

I lay asleep as a  
seed in the ground.  
Waiting for spring  
where I'm sure to  
be found.

First day of Spring hip  
hip hooray.

My flowers have bloomed  
I'm here today.

*Taliyah Venter*

*Sts. Peter & Paul School Grade 2*



## Tiny Diney

Diney is so tiny he's Tiny Diney

Tiny is so Diney

Dinosaurs roamed the Earth

Their instincts helped them best

But Tiny's didn't

Because he was so Diney

He is Tiny Diney

And he very Tiny

*Tariana Medina*

*St. Peter and Paul Grade 3*



# Dark and Scary Night

Oh, why are these so scary?  
Some of them are very hairy,  
Some of them are very mean,  
Not many are very clean.  
Screaming and roaring,  
Oh, lot's more!  
Some of them might be  
Knocking your door.  
Monsters and Spiders,  
Under your bed.  
They'll give you nightmares,  
In your head.  
Ghosts and witches in disguise,  
Wait till they give you a surprise.  
Some people think they're so mature,  
They think these things don't scare them anymore.  
They are as quiet as falling leaves,  
All of them have tricks up their sleeves.  
Vampires and Creepy dolls,  
So much more too.  
Just wait when they are,  
Right behind you!

*Saba Rodriguez*

*Rotella School Grade 4*

# Finding Treasure

As I'm in my boat  
I'm getting ready to gloat  
about all that pleasure  
I'll get from all the treasure  
That's just lying around  
Ready to be found  
Which I have just done  
Oh, I had so much fun  
Lying in the ocean  
Totally not in motion

I have fulfilled my dream  
With the help of my team  
I have found so much silver and gold  
as much as I can hold  
From the treasure that sank  
I put it in the bank  
after all the heyday  
I might as well give some away  
To people who need it more than me  
and that's called charity

*Tzvi Bernstein*  
*Yeshiva Grade 6*

# Electricity

Electricity is shocking life

Electricity is a lightning bolt sharp as a knife

That makes a spark in my phone every night

I use it all day and all night so my TV gets a spark of light

Electricity helps me with school.

It lets me know if we have a day off or two.

It helps me study and it lets me play

Why wasn't electricity invented in the olden days?

*Devin Isufi*

*Rotella School Grade 5*

# If I Were a Superhero

If I was a superhero  
The crime rate would go down to zero  
I would make everyone smile  
Their smiles would stretch for miles and miles  
I would cool down the villain's wrath  
Spreading kindness in my path  
I would make sure to spread my love  
Trying to make my God proud up above  
Everyone would have a job  
No one will have to worry about evil mobs  
I will prevent all attacks  
Spread happiness around the world and, then back  
I would not be able to fly  
But be able to comfort the people who cry  
I would heal all who are sick  
Perform for the children marvelous tricks  
I would take care of all the earth  
Witness every child's birth  
I would try and do these things  
While showing respect for every living thing

*Brianna Dalipovski*  
*St. Mary School Grade 7*

## Imagine a World...

If I could change the world,  
I'd help every boy and girl.  
Everyone would get along,  
There would be no more war.

No more violence,  
No blood, no gore.  
All fighting would stop,  
Conflict, no more.  
No one would be hungry,  
No one would be sad.  
Every family would be happy,  
Every son, daughter, mother, and dad.

Imagine a world,  
Full of opportunity,  
Where no one is poor.  
Imagine a world,  
Where every closed window,  
Opens a new door.

Imagine a world,  
Where everyone is equal,  
There is no discrimination,  
Everyone with a place.

Imagine a world,  
Where we are all just people,  
United, every nation,  
Just one human race.

Why just imagine?  
When together, we can make it real.

Everyone united,  
We'll give the world a new feel.  
With you and with me,  
We can make what was once a dream,

A REALITY.

*Shawn Austin*

*Sts. Peter and Paul School Grade 8*

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## **HONORABLE MENTION**

### **Grade**

- 1 Kayanna Nicholas
- 2 Amalia Olivero
- 3 Ellys McPhail
- 4 Kamaria Az-Ibo
- 5 Ruben Navarro
- 6 Aisha Elliott
- 7 Mayra Lovos
- 8 Madaline Bouffard MacIver

# Sarah the Snake

Sarah the snake

loved to bake.

She would take her cake

Down to the lake.

*Kayanna Nicholas*

*Children's Community School Grade 1*



# Nature of Spring

Green grass, colorful  
Flowers. That all comes from  
the April showers.

The blossoms are now  
growing on the trees.  
Those blossoms shake because  
of the Spring breeze.

Chirping blue birds in the  
sky. The baby birds are  
hatching and their mama  
stops by.

*Amalia Olivero*

*St. Peter and Paul School Grade 2*

## Dinosaur

Here once was a dinosaur named Rex  
Who loved to eat Chex  
When he poured the milk  
He found it was silk  
He learned to text

*Ellys McPhail*

*Rotella School Grade 3*

# Scary Things

Under beds and behind stairs  
Scary things are everywhere.  
They wait and wait, then with all their might  
They jump out and give you a fright.  
They are such a scary sight.  
Skeletons, monsters, sinking floors,  
Vampires, Jack O Lanterns, so much more!  
They are like a creepy door.  
They eat rabbits and hares.  
Monkeys and bears.  
People on chairs.  
Phew, I have to stop right there.  
Even I was getting scared!  
Now you know what I mean,  
When I talk about scary schemes.  
We've never met eye - to - eye.  
Oh whatever! Goodbye.

*Kamaria Az-Ibo*

*Rotella School Grade 4*

## Planes in the Sky

Planes fly high in the sky,  
I always look up and say bye bye,  
I see them day and night,  
Soaring high oh what a sight,  
Be careful and stay watching.

*Ruben Navarro*  
*Children's Community School Grade 5*

# The Girl Who Wanted to Be a Pirate

Iris had a desire  
To become a pirate for hire  
She dressed up with a patch on her eye  
She leaped and jumped very high  
But Iris was quite a riot  
In her desire to be a pirate  
She knew there was treasure out there  
Then she said, "Where oh where?"  
Iris was starting to get quite bored  
So then she fought, with a sword  
She saw a man with no hair  
She began to stare and stare  
She finally found a treasure map  
In a place near a river gap  
She found gold and silver treasure  
In the end, she shared it with pleasure

*Aisha Elliott*  
*St. Mary School Grade 6*

# If I Were a Superhero

If I were a Superhero,  
it would be exhausting.  
I would have to save people  
day after day, and  
deal with villains who keep  
getting in my way.  
But still I would have a  
sidekick  
and different powers  
that work, like magic.  
So yes, if I were a  
Superhero  
it would be fun,  
but . . . . I still  
need to get the job  
done.

*Mayra Lovos*  
*Westside Middle School Grade 7*

# If I Could Change The World

It starts with me, it spreads to you  
One person at a time  
7 continents, thousands of countries, 50 states  
Bullying is the crime  
Hurtful words that everyone hates.

Grade school  
Middle school  
High school  
College and beyond  
Bullying know no bounds.

Kindness is the key  
Like the flu it is contagious.  
It starts with me  
It spreads to you.

Now is the time  
Today is the day  
Let us prove to the world  
Kindness will over come bullying.  
It starts with me  
It spreads to you.  
Kindness.

*Madaline Bouffard MacIver*  
*Westside Middle School Grade 8*



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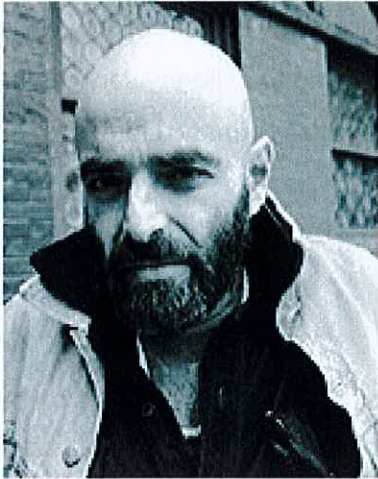
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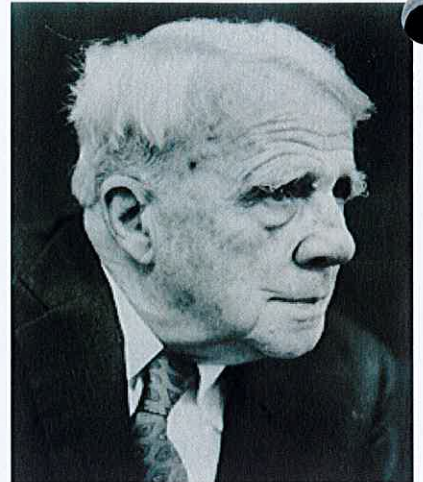
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Shel Silverstein



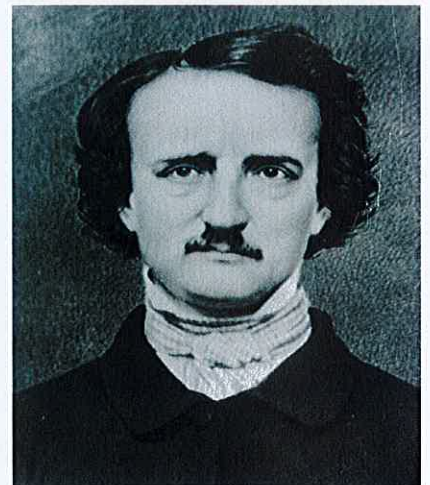
Robert Frost



Emily Dickinson



Maya Angelou



Edgar Allan Poe

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