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TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, 3:30 P.M.

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AWARD WINNING POEMS

KINDERGARTEN - POEM ABOUT A GAME OR GAMES I LIKE TO PLAY

I LIKE TO PLAY HIDE AND GO SEEK
I HIDE AND SOMETIMES I PEEK AND SEE WHO GOES FREE

RAY AHRENS - ANDERSON SCHOOL

GRADE 1 - POEM ABOUT COLORS

BROWN IS A CLOWN
HE LIVES IN A TOWN

DEIRDRE O'CONNOR - STS PETER & PAUL SCHOOL

GRADE 2 - POEM ABOUT WISHES

I WISH I HAD A FISH AND
IF I HAD A FISH I WOULD NAME
HIM ISH AND I'D PUT HIM IN A
DISH. SO WHAT EVER YOU
WISH I HOPE COMES TRUE
AND IF I MADE A WISH I
HOPE IT COMES TRUE TOO.

FREDERICA PETROVICH - ANDERSON SCHOOL

GRADE 3 - POEM ABOUT DREAMS

A DREAM TO ME IS A THOUGHT OF
CHOCOLATE CLOUDS AND SODA POP
STREAMS.
BUT WHEN I DREAM OF CHINA
INDIA OR FRANCE.
I GO STRAIGHT TO INDIA AND WATCH A LITTLE DANCE.
BUT WHEN I COME BACK TO AMERICA
I THINK OF MONEY TREES AND I GO
PICK A DOLLAR ANY TIME I PLEASE
WHEN I WAKE UP EVERYTHINGS
GONE AND I'M IN MY BED
MY MOTHER ALWAYS COMES
AND SAYS (GET UP AND GO TO SCHOOL)
BUT WHEN IT'S NIGHT AGAIN I DO THE
SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN
I LIKE TO DREAM.

DO
YOU??

KATE CAVANAUGH - STS PETER & PAUL SCHOOL

GRADE 4 - POEM ABOUT SECRETS

THERE ONCE WAS A BEAR.
WHO DRESSED UP IN HIS UNDERWEAR
HE HAD A GREAT SECRET.
AND HE TOLD IT TO ME.
IT WAS LONGER THAN A RIVER
AND SHORTER THEN SLIVER.

ROBERT JOHN BENSON - SACRED HEART SCHOOL

GRADE 5 - POEM ABOUT WHAT I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT

I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT
GIRLS AND BOYS, FUNKY
TOYS, AND YOU.

I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT
REAL COOL CARS, THE
TWINKLING STARS, AND YOU.

BUT MOST OF ALL
I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT YOU.
WHEN YOU'RE ANSWERING MY CALL,
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO.

I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT
GETTING OUT OF SCHOOL,
JUMPING IN THE POOL AND YOU.

I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT
MY MOM AND DAD,
THE MONEY THAT I HAD, AND YOU.

BUT MOST OF ALL
IT'S YOU I'D LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT.
BECAUSE YOU DON'T FIGHT AND SHOUT.
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE YOU.

KEVIN REILLY - STS. PETER & PAUL SCHOOL

GRADE 6 - POEM ABOUT AN INVITATION

"COME WITH ME"
TO A PLACE
THAT IS HIGH AND WIDE
AND FREE.

WHEN WE COME TO
THIS PLACE,
WE'LL BE IN A
GARDEN OF PURE
AIR.

WE'LL BREATHE THE
SILENT FRAGRANCE
OF FLOWER BEDS.

AND MORE BEDS
OF CLEAN AIR,
SOFT LIGHT AIR.
IN THE SKY,
BEAUTIFUL COLORS OF AIR.

WHERE THERE ARE
TREES OF SWEETEST
FRUIT FROM THEM HANGING.

ONCE THERE WAS AIR
LOVE

BUT NOW IT'S LEAVING.
SO COME WITH ME
WHILE THERE IS TIME.

TOGETHER WE WILL FIND
LOVE OF AIR AGAIN.

WE'LL REPLANT THE FLOWERS
AND TASTE THE BEAUTY
OF TREES
AND LIE ON GRASS
WASHED BY DUSTLESS RAIN.

LET'S REDISCOVER THE
GARDEN OF OUR
EARTH.

BETHSAIDA TORRES - WALLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE 7 - POEM ABOUT MY FAVORITE NAME

TARA IS THE NAME WITH WHICH I WAS "BLESSED"
OUT OF ALL OTHER NAMES MY PARENTS LIKED IT BEST.
BUT MOST PEOPLE SAY THEY DON'T LIKE MY NAME;
I CANNOT BLAME THEM, I SAY THE SAME,
AND WHEN I WAS GIVEN ANOTHER NAME TO CHOOSE,
I KNEW THE NAME "TARA" WOULD SURELY LOSE,
SO ALL DAY LONG I'D CONTEMPLATED
A NAME PEOPLE WOULD'NT SAY THEY HATED
FINALLY, AT NIGHT, I CAME UP WITH A SOLUTION,
AT LAST MY MIND WAS RID OF NAME POLUTION.
AND THIS NAME MY MIND DID PERCEIVE
WAS NOT LIKE "TARA": IT WAS MORE LIKE "EVE".

"EVE" CAN BE A MOONLIT NIGHT.
WITH TWINKLING STARS THAT SHINE VERY BRIGHT.
"EVE" CAN BE THE WIFE OF ADAM.
AND FOR ME; "EVE" WOULD EVENTUALLY TURN INTO "MADAME".
WHEN I HAVE CHILDREN, "EVE" WILL BE MOTHER
(I'M SURE THEY WON'T CALL ME "SISTER" OR "BROTHER"!)
I COULD HAVE PICK'D JENNY, MARY OR PAT,
BUT I'LL STICK WITH "EVE", I LIKE THAT.
I THINK THAT IS ALL I'LL SAY RIGHT NOW,
AFTER ALL, "EVE" IS BETTER THAN "COW"!

TARA PLOUFFE - STS. PETER & PAUL

GRADE 8 - POEM ABOUT AMERICAN HISTORY

WHAT WILL WE DO IN THE WORLD TODAY?
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE THINGS THEY SAY?
"PRICES WILL GO UP".
EMPLOYMENT WILL GO DOWN.
WHAT WILL WE DO WITHOUT PAY?
NOW THE RECESSION,
NEXT THE DEPRESSION,
WHAT IF IT STAYS THIS WAY?
WE COULD GET THROUGH THIS.
WE COULD PROSPER.
IF YOU HELP OUT, WE MAY.

PATRICIA BENSON - SACRED HEART SCHOOL