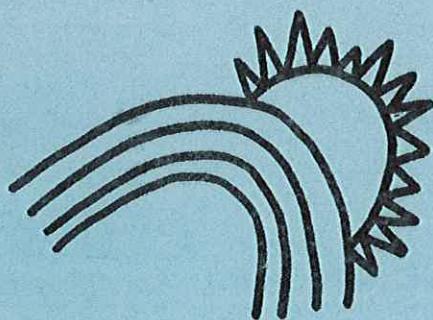


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book...  
bows & sunshine  
is that come true"



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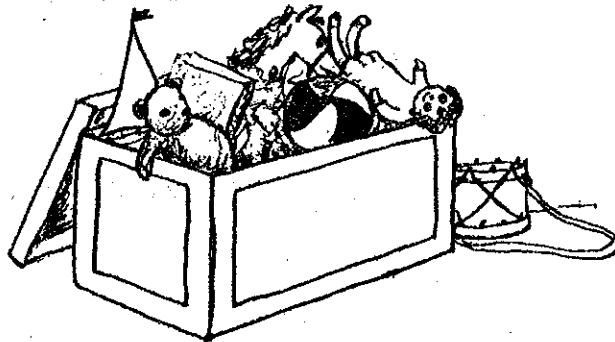
8--MONICA ROBERTS, NOTRE DAME

I am a very lucky girl.  
 Because I have lots of toys  
 My favorite toy is a doll named Katherine  
 I love her more than boys

Katherine is a good baby doll  
 And Mom says I'm a good mother  
 When our new baby is born I'll love it so much  
 It doesn't matter if it's a sister or brother

I hope our new baby is like Katherine  
 She smiles all the time  
 She makes me very happy  
 Because she doesn't whine

HEATHER MARTINO  
 ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
 GRADE K  
 theme: toys



## PETS

The girls and boys all think  
 Their pets are the special ones.  
 Some have fish, or dogs and cats  
 And some poor kids have none.  
 They think their pets are the best  
 When they get sick they bring them to the vet.  
 But I sure feel in my mind

The pet I pray for is a special kind.  
 To me I want one and only  
 My very own special pony.  
 I'd love him and care for him  
 With all my might  
 And say thank you God day and night.

BETH ANN D'ANDREA  
 TINKER SCHOOL  
 GRADE 1  
 theme: pets





## THE ZOO

My family and I  
Took a trip to the zoo  
And I saw a Koala bear,  
Giraffe and gnu.

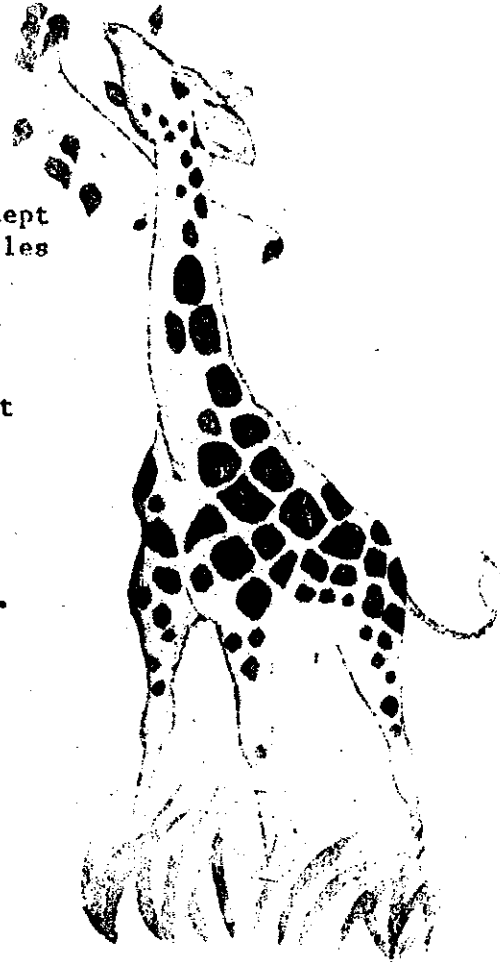
We went to the house  
Where the snakes are all kept  
And watched as the crocodiles  
Laid still and slept.

Saw a monkey, a panda,  
A penguin, a porpoise.  
And the biggest and slowest  
Of giant sea tortoise.

We stood and looked at  
The hippopotamus  
We all looked at them  
And they looked back at us.

We plan to go back  
To the zoo once again  
My mother, my brothers,  
Myself and my friend.

KENNETH ADDISON  
BUCKS HILL SCHOOL  
GRADE 2  
theme: the zoo



## A SPECIAL TREAT

Every summer I go to Maine  
With my whole family  
My father, my mother and brother  
We go to see the sea.

For me this is a special treat  
It is quite far away  
And not the same old thing  
That I can do each day.

A nice, long walk along the beach  
Is certainly not a bore  
It takes us to the jetty  
Or to the ice cream store.

The shells we find along the beach  
Are beautiful to see  
I treat each one with special care  
So I can take them home with me.

When it's time to say good-bye  
It sometimes makes me sad  
But then I know that next July  
I surely will be glad.

AMY DZIEZYNSKI  
BUCKS HILL SCHOOL  
GRADE 3  
theme: a special treat

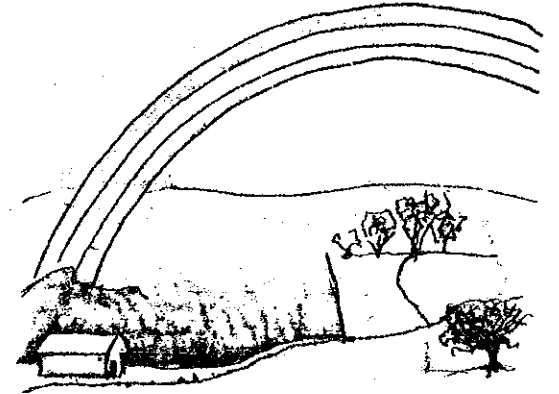




## SPRING IS...

Spring comes and life returns to Earth  
The buds and blossoms are given birth.  
Spring brings an end to the cold and snow  
And fills the air with a happy glow.  
It is crocus and daffodils being born;  
The fragrant lilies on Easter morn.  
The gentle rains, the warming sun,  
The robins returning, sap starting to run.  
The days grow longer and seem to say -  
Summer will soon be on its way.

HEATHER MIKAITIS  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
GRADE 4  
theme: spring is...



## RAINBOWS ARE FROM HEAVEN

As I crossed the meadow  
just as far as I could see,  
Reflections of colors  
were shining on a tree.  
I climbed to the top  
to touch the soft lights,  
And found the most beautiful  
of God given sights.  
A rainbow was bowing  
into the tree,  
With all of it's beauty  
shining on me.  
The colors were bright  
and arched into place  
While the dew on the meadow  
glissened in space.  
I sat there way up  
at the top of the tree,  
And thanked God  
for sending the rainbow to me.

JODY KOOPSTUS  
CHASE SCHOOL  
GRADE 5  
theme: rainbows

## A TRIP TO MARS

"Oh mother," I said, "Can I go,  
to a planet where there is no snow?"

"What are you talking about, dear?  
I know no way to get to...where?"

"To Mars," I said, sitting on a fence.  
"Please child," she said, "You make no sense."

"But you can see all the stars  
on a long, long trip to Mars."

So into my spaceship I did go  
(My spaceship was my bed you know)

I closed my eyes and went to sleep  
then into dreamland I did leap.

I was on the planet Mars  
and guess what, it was snowing stars!

ERIN ZYKO  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
GRADE 6  
theme: a trip to...

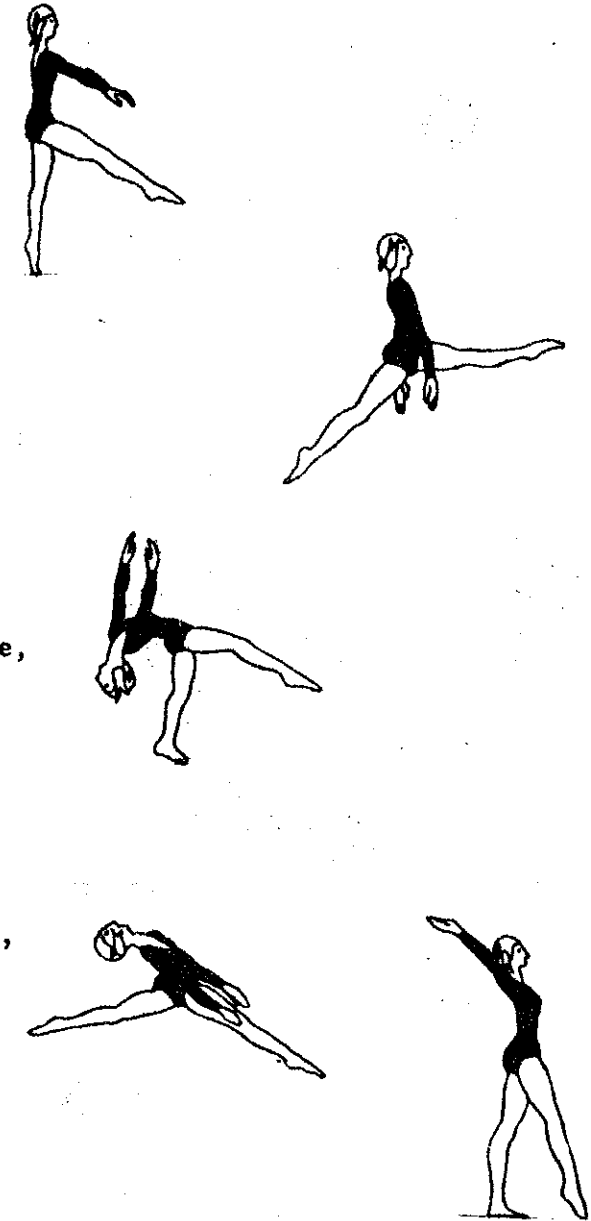


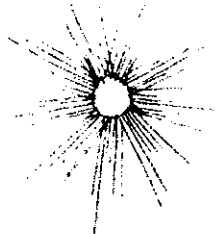
## GYMNASTICS

The room is quiet,  
you can't hear a sound,  
from the corner,  
I come out with a bound.  
I leap in the air,  
do a split on the floor  
the crowd applauds,  
I get ready for more.  
I jump in the air,  
I twist and I turn,  
I remember the routine  
that I had to learn.

The room is quiet,  
you can't hear a word  
the judges finally tell me,  
how well I scored.  
The marks are good  
I feel so proud  
I start jumping again  
and crying out loud!  
My teammates are happy,  
we're the champs for a while,  
my coach looks at me,  
and gives me a smile.  
Everyone congratulates me,  
I feel so good  
I know that I did,  
the best that I could!  
I love my gymnastics,  
it's my favorite sport,  
Nothing can match the magic,  
when I'm out on that court.

MICHELLE MORRONE  
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GRADE 7  
theme: my favorite sport





### A SUMMER DAY

The air hangs thick with heavy heat  
The trees are cool with shade.  
Lazy fish swim in the pond  
Where all mosquitoes raid.  
The earth is warm beneath my feet.  
The clouds above are none.  
And in this flawless sky there rules  
The overpowering sun.

MONICA ROBERTS  
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY  
GRADE 8  
theme: a summer day



### HONORABLE MENTION

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- 5--DARYL ZANG, ST. MARGARET'S MCTERNAN
- 6--LAURI FUDA, BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 7--JAMES BERUBE, BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 8--MICHOLOS D'ANDREA, NORTH END MIDDLE



My dolly's name is Daisy.  
Her clothes are kind of crazy.  
She sleeps all day  
except to play,  
because she's very lazy.

MICHELE MALLON  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
GRADE K  
theme: toys

#### MY FISH

My fish had one wish-  
He wanted to fly!  
One night he tried, and he tried---  
And-he did fly!  
He landed on the floor.  
My fish I have no more.

JEFFREY TANSLEY  
BUNKER HILL SCHOOL  
GRADE 1  
theme: pets

#### THE ZOO

A fashion show of spots and stripes.  
Hats and coats of all types.  
A concert of roars and peeps  
and laughs and shrieks.  
Who?  
The animals of the Zoo!

TARA MORAN  
KINGSBURY SCHOOL  
GRADE 2  
theme: the zoo

#### A SPECIAL TREAT

A visit with Grandpa is always fun,  
Though usually the whole family he'll see.  
But a most special treat is the day  
that's the one....  
Grandpa says "Just you're staying with me."

We read, play games, take a walk, or swim.  
Sometimes we just sit and rest.  
As long as I'm spending it with just him,  
The visit will be the best.

MELISSA MIKAITIS  
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL  
GRADE 3  
theme: a special treat

### SPRING IS...

Spring is flowers  
Which splash in water puddles,  
Spring is bees  
In honeycomb flowers,  
Spring is frogs  
Which like to hop in ponds,  
Spring is dandelions  
That grow in beautiful lawns,  
Spring is happy roses  
Singing in the beautiful Spring season,  
Spring is sun  
Which is warm and yellow,  
Spring birds are flying north  
From the south with cheerful feelings,  
Spring is butterflies  
Just about to change from caterpillars.

CHARLIE MASTROPIETRO  
GILMARTIN SCHOOL  
GRADE 4  
theme: spring is

### WHEN ALL YOU HAVE IN THE WORLD IS TIME

Take me to the land where the rainbows glow,  
Where rainbow paths make imaginations grow,  
Where all twinkles and sparkles with rainbow  
light,  
Where you throw a stone and get ripples of  
color bright  
Take me to the land where a new sensation lives,  
Where there's an endless light circus -- What  
happiness it gives  
Twinkle, sparkle, shimmer and shine  
When all you have in the world is time.  
Flash and float your friendly bow  
Where every day there's a color show  
Where funny, sparklely drops of happiness  
combine  
Where this dreamy thing lives as God's design.

DARYL ZANG  
ST. MARGARET'S-McTERNAN SCHOOL  
GRADE 5  
theme: rainbows

### A VISIT TO...

A visit to Lauri's world you would like very  
much,  
Where all the people are non-selfish as such.  
Where all the people are kind to the old,  
And absolutely nothing is ever stolen.  
A place that everywhere you look people are caring,  
And a place where all people are loving and  
sharing.  
A place where everyone around you is cheerful,  
And a place where everyone makes you feel  
wanted.  
Lauri's world would be a place where there is no  
violence.  
Lauri's world would have a lot of cute and kind  
animals,  
With no one hurting them in any way.  
A visit to Lauri's world you would like very much,  
Where all the people love each other as such.

LAURI FUDA  
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL  
GRADE 6  
theme: a visit to...

### ALL STAR WRESTLING ?

Excitement, anticipation grunting and groaning,  
Muscular giants in pain and moaning.  
Grotesque holds which the mighty Atlas could  
not break,  
Are broken by both contestants at an unbeliev-  
able rate.

Like a ballet or an opera,  
Both contestants have their planned routine.  
Tossing their opponent, stomping on him, and  
then in turn,  
In reverse, repeat the scene.

Comic book names like Killer Khan and Adrian  
Adonis,  
Leads one to believe these matches are not  
quite honest.  
The outcome is known before the bout begins,  
By the contestants who have agreed as to who  
will win.

Although it is known that these matches are  
fake,  
To me they still provide the magic which good  
entertainment makes.

JAMES BERUBE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL  
GRADE 7  
theme: my favorite sport

## SUMMER

Hot, sticky air,  
Fresh, cut grass,  
Cool water everywhere,  
And in it a bass.  
An opened beach gate,  
All fisherman out,  
Bring all the bait,  
To catch some trout.  
If they have no luck,  
They'll go in for a swim,  
Or ride in a canoe,  
And hang their arm over the rim.  
When they get out,  
They'll look about,  
Put down their paddles,  
And pick up their saddles.  
They'll ride their horses,  
All the rest of the day,  
They'll travel their courses,  
In every which way.  
Then they'll ride off during a summer storm,  
The clouds are banging together because it's so  
warm.  
But think about the good things about this season.  
Because if you want,  
I'll make you a bet,  
That this is one of the best seasons you've ever  
met.

NICHOLAS D'ANDREA, JR.  
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GRADE 8  
theme: a summer day