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THEMES

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PRIZE WINNERS

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2 - CHRISTOPHER McKENZIE, Kingsbury

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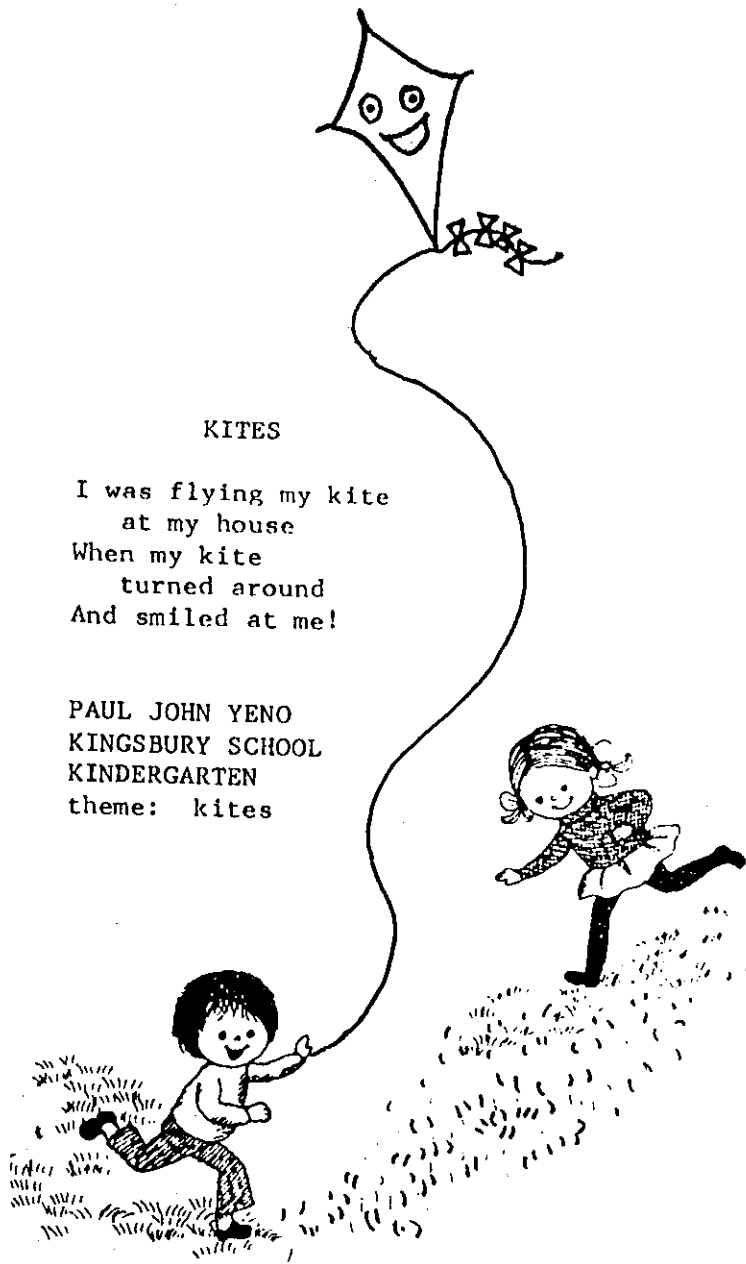
7 - JENNIFER LANESE, West Side Middle

8 - DANIELLE DELAGE, St. Anne

KITES

I was flying my kite
at my house
When my kite
turned around
And smiled at me!

PAUL JOHN YENO
KINGSBURY SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN
theme: kites



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WITCHES

Bad witches, make the good ones
Sad witches.

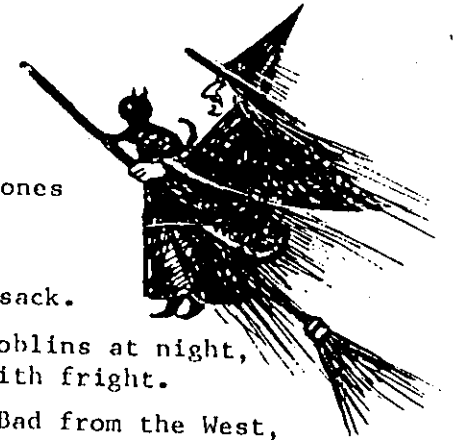
All dressed in black,
With magic spells in their sack.

With their black cats and goblins at night,
Trying to make you scream with fright.

Good Witch of the North or Bad from the West,
I know which witch I like best.

My mom says, they're all make-believe,
Boy, is that a big relief!

MARGHERITA ANN D'ANDREA
TINKER SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: witches



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SMELLS

I smell coffee in the morning
and smell bacon frying, too.
Mother walks around the kitchen
Doing things that mothers do.

As I walk into the bathroom
Grab the toothbrush in one hand,
I smell the minty flavor
Of my favorite toothpaste brand.

Then I hurry off to school
Before the school bell starts to ring.
But I stop to smell the flowers
And to see the sights of spring.

CHRISTOPHER McKENZIE
KINGSBURY SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: smells



FEET

I have ten toes
And everyone knows,
That feet like to go,
Fast and sometimes slow.

Baby feet are always on the go,
Old feet become very slow.
They carry you through a door
So you can see more,
They take you places you want to go,
They help you climb high and low.

There are fat feet,
Skinny feet,
Dirty feet,
Clean feet,

If feet could talk,
They could tell you all the places they walk
All the shoes they've worn
All the socks they've torn.

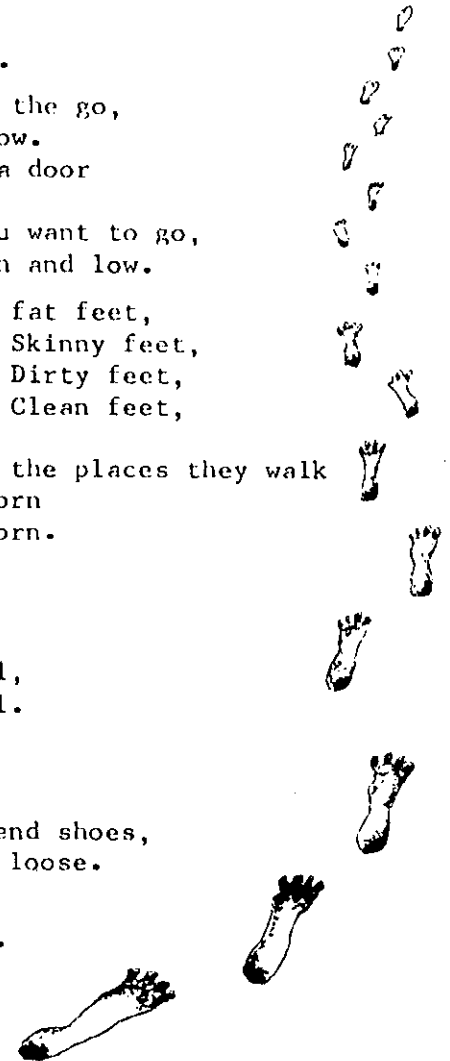
Big feet
Small feet
Sweaty feet,
All have a story to tell,
You can hear people yell.

"Noisy feet
Quiet!, feet"

On bare feet, go socks and shoes,
The things that you can lose.

Keep your feet clean
Because they'll be seen.
I love my feet
Because they're neat!

MOLLY O'DONNELL
HOPEVILLE SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: about feet



BIRTHDAYS AND INVITATIONS

I gave a hundred invitations
A hundred did I say?
I gave a thousand invitations
one cold and wintry day.
I didn't put my name on them
or any other words.
The cards were seeds for
February birds.

BRIAN HOULE
WENDELL CROSS SCHOOL
GRADE 4
theme: birthdays



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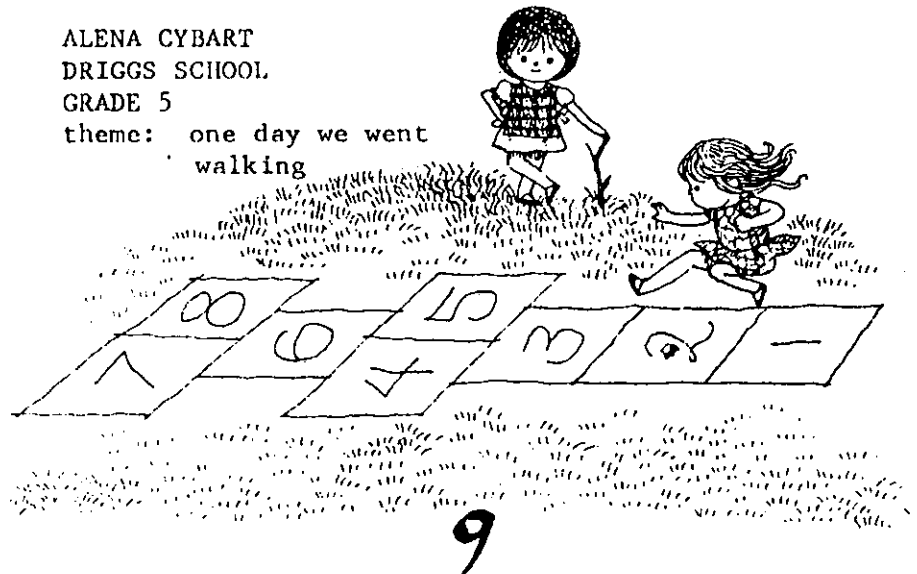
ONE DAY WE WENT WALKING

One day we went walking to the neighborhood park
A solo concert was performed by a perched skylark.
Balls were bobbing on the tennis courts.
People jogging in their summer shorts.
Boys were choosing teams for their basketball game.
All hoping one day to make the "Sports Hall of Fame."
Dogs on their leashes out for a leisurely walk.
Hopscotch written in cement with white chalk.
The cool summer breeze felt so refreshing.
The ice cream truck could be heard by its ring.
Ding. Ding.

Children working so hard trying to reach the sky.
Pumping swinging, pumping swinging, oh so high!
Tricks galore were performed on the "Monkey Bars."
Their audience consisting of people traveling by in cars.

One day we went walking and had a delightful time.
Now you have shared our walk by reading this rhyme.

ALENA CYBART
DRIGGS SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: one day we went walking



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HAVE YOU EVER SEEN...

Have you ever seen
in the evening sky
a strange, ephemeral object
passing by?

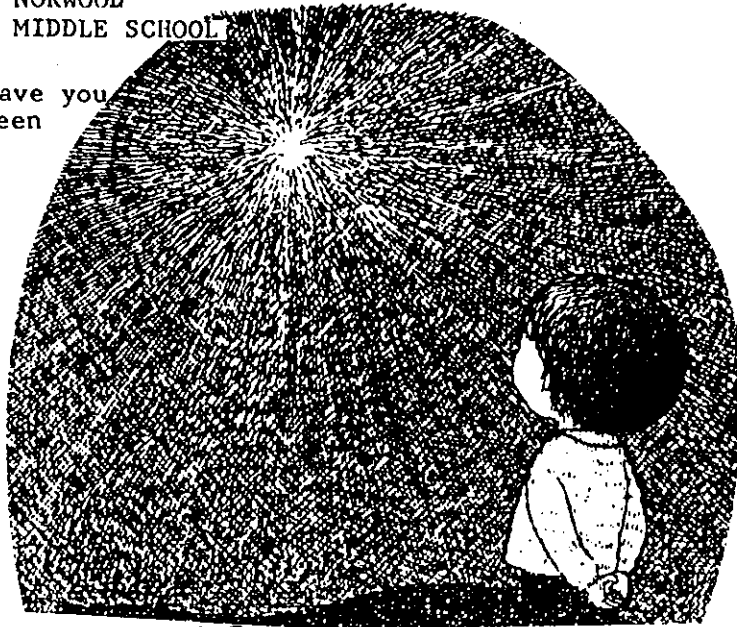
Increasing anticipation has already begun,
and telescopes for amateur
astronomers are exciting everyone.

An Englishman named Edmund
has given it his name and
since then that nebulous,
celestial body has risen to fame.

By late December as it streaks across the sky,
HALLEY'S COMET should be quite visible
to the naked eye.

CHRISTINA NORWOOD
NORTH END MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6

theme: have you
ever seen



THE REASON I LIKE CATS

The reason I like cats,
As anyone can see,
Is how they show their love
Which is as plain as can be.

Cats purr and snuggle and feel so warm.
They prance and dance and play.
Cats behave with aristocratic charm,
As they go on their independent way.

They seem so content,
And their fur is so fluffy,
But when they get mad
Their tail gets puffy;

They hiss and spit and growl
At others of their kind,
But after all the fuss
I don't think they really mind.

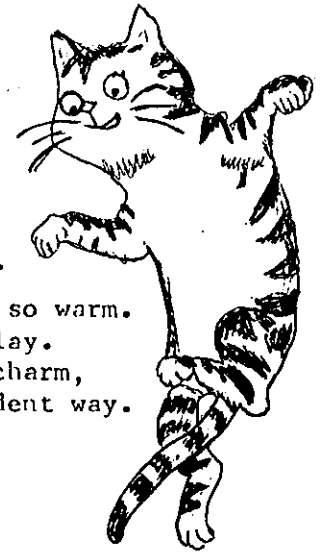
Cats are intelligent,
But sometimes act dumb.
When they climb a tree for no reason
And down they won't come.

When it's a cold day
Cats will lay in the sun.
They may stay in that spot
Till the day is done.

Some cats are fun,
Some cats are a bore.
But as soon as you get one,
You'll surely want more!!!

JENNIFER LANESE
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 7

theme: the reason I like



THE SEA

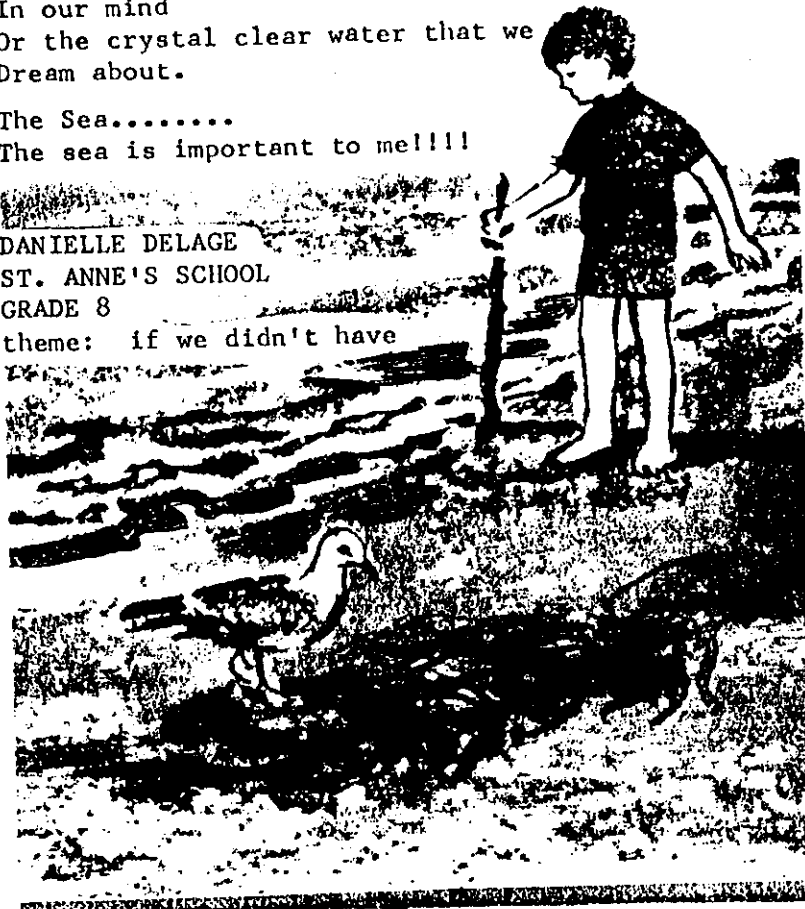
If we didn't have the sea
Beaches wouldn't have swift,
Sensational waves
Crashing dashing and smashing each other
Like a beater whipping cream.

If we didn't have the sea
Our fantasies would be limited
We wouldn't see
The swishing swooping swirls it makes
In our mind
Or the crystal clear water that we
Dream about.

The Sea.....
The sea is important to me!!!!

DANIELLE DELAGE
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL
GRADE 8

theme: if we didn't have



HONORABLE MENTION

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- K - HARSHAN JEYAKUMAR, St. Mary
- 1 - ANTHONY BARBIERI, St. Mary
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- 3 - MARISSA KIM LAWLOR, St. Margaret
- 4 - TANIA TUTTLE, St. Margaret's-McTernan
- 5 - JOSEPH MITRICK, St. Margaret
- 6 - STACEY BOUFFARD, St. Anne
- 7 - KRISTINE WELZ, St. Mary
- 8 - MARK VERRASTRO, North End Middle

Kites are fun
They float in the air
High near the sun
Flying through its glare
With them I run
We make a great pair

HARSHAN JEYAKUMAR
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN
theme: kites

A DREAM

I saw a witch
on a flying machine.
Of course it happened
on Halloween.
She went round and round
then through a cloud.
I became so frightened
I screamed out loud.
My mom came running when
she heard my scream.
She said go back to sleep.
It was only a dream.

ANTHONY BARBIERI
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: witches

SMELLS

Steak when mom cooks it and chocolate
chip cookies are tied as my favorite smell.

But, old lemons and my small sister's
diapers really don't smell very well.

Flowers and trees and green summer grasses
make my nose happy as each one's smell passes!

Autumn's leaves burning and all of spring's
pollen make my nose snuffle and sneeze.

But when winter brings colds my nose looses
touch and I really don't smell very much.

GEORGE FLAHERTY
KINGSBURY SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: smells

ABOUT FEET

Each one has five toes.
All lined up in a row.
These two things are pretty neat
For they are my own two feet.

I take them everywhere I go
In sand, water, and even snow.
They help me dance, run, and play;
I keep them with me night and day.

When the sun gives too much heat,
I take those shoes right off my feet;
And wiggle all my toes so free,
Oh feet, I'm glad you're stuck to me!

MARISSA KIM LAWLOR
ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: about feet

IT'S MY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays are fun for
Even moms and dads
So if you have a birthday
Don't be sad and mope about
Just yell out
"It's my birthday!"

Get out the presents
Get out the cake
Get out the favors too!
Better get ready soon
All your friends are coming because...
"It's my birthday!"

"Mom, it's my birthday!"
"Dad, it really is!"
"I want a doll or a bear."
"A teddy to be exact."
"Hey, Buffy, guess what?"
"It's my birthday!"

TANIA TUTTLE
ST. MARGARET'S-McTERNAN SCHOOL
GRADE 4
theme: birthdays

ONE DAY WE WENT WALKING

One day we went walking
through a wild jungle
it was much to my dismay,
because I didn't want to walk
in the jungle that day.

But my friends dragged me along
I finally said,
"Okay!"

While we were walking
we saw a strange and funny sight,
two monkeys over a banana
were having a fight!

I finally said "Let's go"
but my friends wanted to stay
then an elephant came running toward us
and we all ran away.

JOSEPH MITRICK
ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: one day we went walking

IMAGINE THIS.....

Have you ever seen an ocean -
With waves pounding on the shore?
Or have you ever found a fossil -
Entombed for evermore?
Have you ever seen a Pegasus -
Prancing through the sky?
Have you ever seen a magic carpet -
Past your window fly?
Have you ever seen a sailboat -
Glide through the glassy sea?
Have you ever seen a robin -
Have you ever heard its cree?
Have you ever seen happy things -
Happy things like these?

STACEY BOUFFARD
ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL
GRADE 6

theme: have you ever seen

BASEBALL

I like Baseball, it's really lots of fun,
I like to hit far balls
But it's hardly ever done.

I like to run around the bases; it's really
very grand.

I like to run to homeplate
And have everyone shake my hand.

I like to win the game each day; it's really
very neat.

Going to the game each week
Is a really special treat.

KRISTINE WELZ
ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
GRADE 7

theme: the reason I like

IF WE DIDN'T HAVE

In the dark is where we'd be
If Ben never discovered electricity.
Bundled in scarves and winter attire,
If the guy with two sticks couldn't make a fire.
And we still might be wearing leaves,
If it wasn't for Gloria, Calvin and Yves.
Walking twelve miles with a message to bring,
If Alex Bell didn't ding-a-ling.
Eating berries and bark from trees,
Instead of cruising through Mickey D's.
And Henry's idea wouldn't be a big deal,
If the cavemen never invented the wheel!

MARK VERRASTRO
NORTH END MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 8
theme: if we didn't have