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THEMES BY GRADE

- K - clowns
- 1 - the picnic
- 2 - a new _____
- 3 - my room
- 4 - hungry sharks
- 5 - rainbows
- 6 - daybreak
- 7 - books! books! books!
- 8 - my dream

PRIZE WINNERS

- K - REBECCA MAROLD, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 1 - TIFFANY VERNALI, St. Mary
- 2 - NATALIE SANTIAGO, Kingsbury
- 3 - KELLY MARAGES, Blessed Sacrament
- 4 - TERESA ZIMMERMAN, Blessed Sacrament
- 5 - DUARTE MACHADO, Washington
- 6 - CATHERINE CARRINGTON, North End Middle
- 7 - HOPE COUGHLIN, St. Margaret
- 8 - KISHA BUTLER, St. Margaret

MY SPECIAL CLOWN

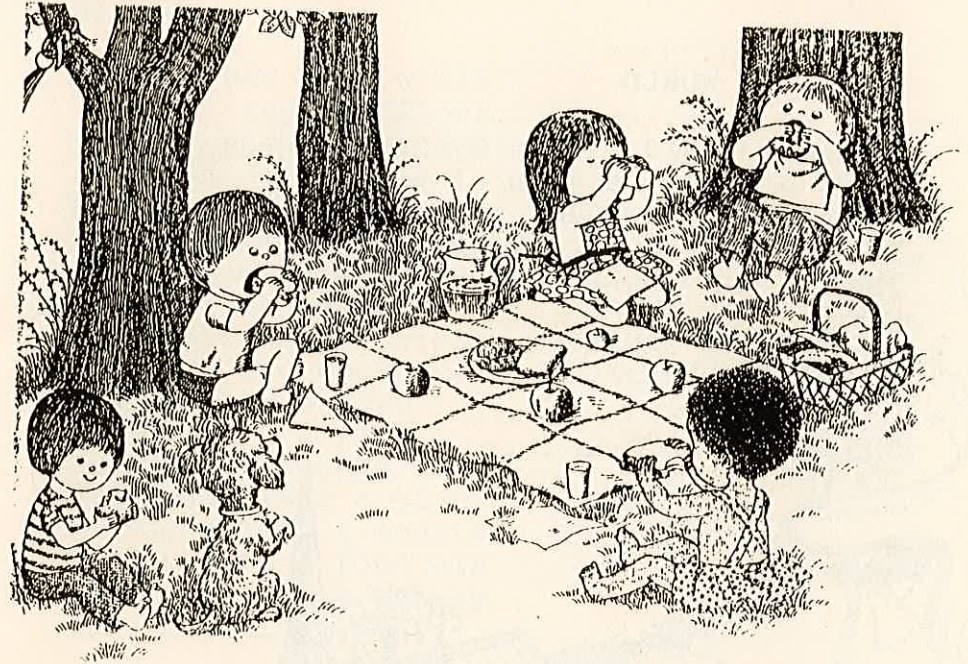
Dolly the clown
Came to town
To take away my frown.

She put on a show
That we all know
Made me laugh from my head
to my toe.

Dolly painted my face.
She had a balloon race
Then packed up her case.

So Dolly the Clown
My Special Clown
Made my birthday the best in town.

REBECCA MAROLD
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
KINDERGARTEN
theme:clowns



THE FRIENDLY PICNIC

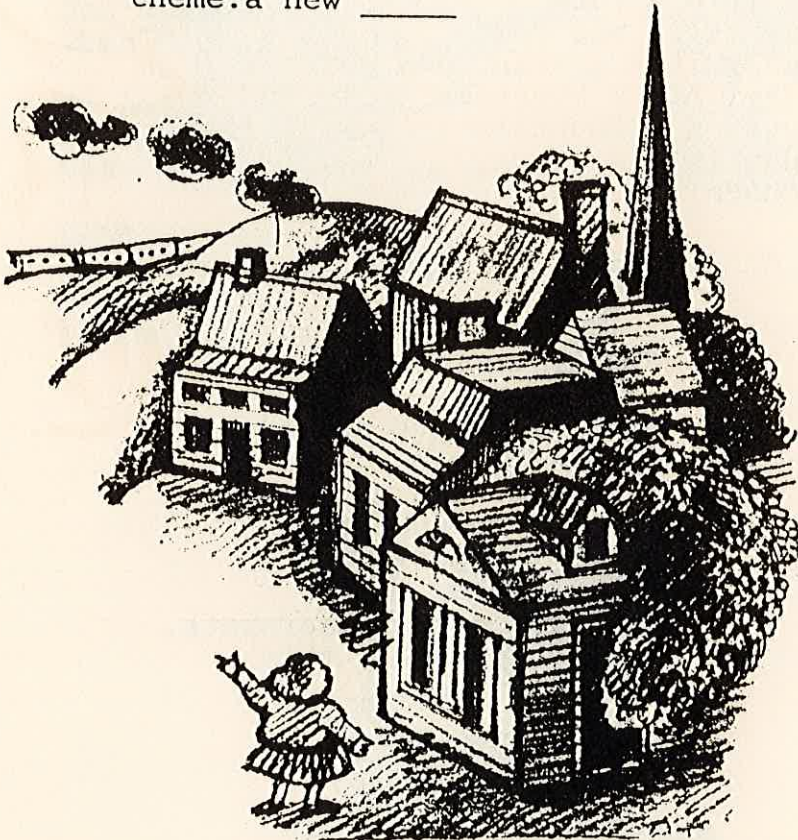
When I wake up and see
lots of sun,
A picnic with my friends
would be such fun.
Eating Apples.
Eating Cake.
We could even rollerskate.
What a great day this
would make.

TIFFANY VERNALI
ST. MARY
GRADE 1
theme:the picnic

A NEW WORLD

If I could make a brand new world
I'd build us lots of houses
So people would have a place to live
And not have to live in the streets
like mice.

NATALIE SANTIAGO
KINGSBURY
GRADE 2
theme: a new _____



MY ROOM

My room has four walls
a ceiling and floor.
My room has two windows
and a door.
It may seem ordinary to you.
But wait 'till you see what
my imagination can do.
Every night my room is
something different.
I become clever once I'm in it.
Sunday it's a barn
Monday it's a farm
Tuesday it's Cape Cod
Wednesday it's a giant pea pod
Thursday it's a mountain
Friday it's a fountain
Saturday it's a subway
It's anything I say.

KELLY MARAGES
BLESSED SACRAMENT
GRADE 3
theme: my room

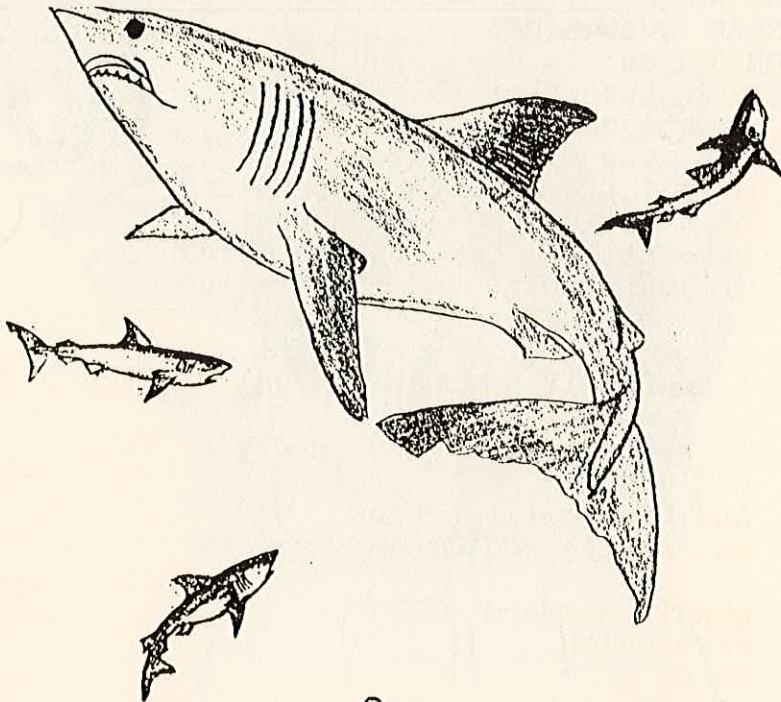
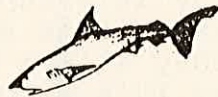


HUNGRY SHARKS

Those hungry sharks their skin
so gray,
Scaring all the other creatures
away.

Those dark, black eyes those
sharp white teeth,
They lurk underwater while the
fish are asleep.
They swim through the water so
slow and so free,
But feared by the creatures
under the sea.

TERESA ZIMMERMAN
BLESSED SACRAMENT
GRADE 4
theme:hungry sharks



RAINBOWS

The beautiful rainbows have
seven colors
Each one is more beautiful
than the others
At the end of the rainbow,
you might find a pot of gold
Or a leprechaun who has told
Of a child's adventures
Like sliding down the colorful rainbow
Or just rowing under the rainbow
of happiness.

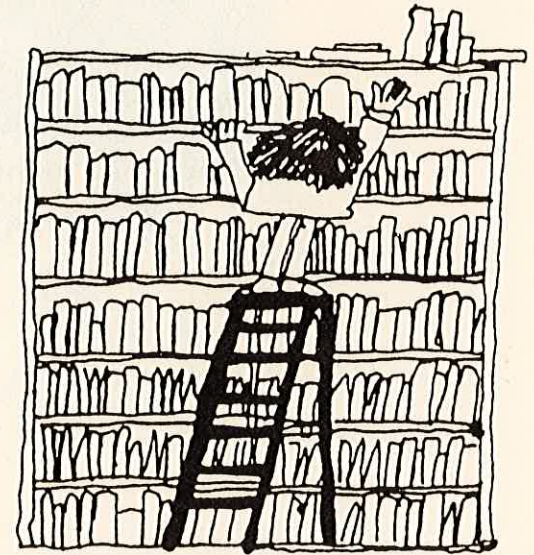
I wonder if anybody has gone to the
end of a rainbow
To see the magic and beauty of it.
Let's go
And be the first ones
To explore and dream.

DUARTE MACHADO
WASHINGTON
GRADE 5
theme:rainbows

DAYBREAK IS THE SUN RISING
IN THE EASTERN SKY

Daybreak is waking up to the
bright sun in my eyes.
Daybreak is birds chirping their
sweet song.
Daybreak is silence on the
still lake.
Daybreak is watching fish jump
and splash.
Daybreak is flowers giving off
their lovely fragrance.
Daybreak is smelling the sweet
aroma of muffins baking
in the oven.
Daybreak is a new day born.

CATHERINE CARRINGTON
NORTH END MIDDLE
GRADE 6
theme:daybreak



Since 1922,
I've been blue
'cause I haven't been taken out
by you!!
When I was young
I had fun
It was a game
until the dog-ears came
My binding has arthritis
my pages filled with dust.
my cover once as gold as Midas
now the color of rust.
History that was my game
I majored in the past
I sit here really tame
while the folks keep walking past
I see a hand.
I'm put on the last stand
I'm going to pout!
I'll never be taken out!

HOPE COUGHLIN
ST. MARGARET
GRADE 7
theme:books! books! books!



MY DREAM

When I go to sleep at night.
I hold my unicorn very tight.
When I start to dream I dream
of my Uncle Mark walking
in the heavenly light.

Watching over me every
night and day.
I always wish for him to
come back to me today.
So I'll guess I'll go and pray.

Just for one moment in time.
To be with him and cry.

So my dream is to one day
be with the Uncle I love and
who I will always cherish.

KISHA BUTLER
ST. MARGARET
GRADE 8
theme:my dream

HONORABLE MENTION

- K - MEGHAN CURLEY, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 1 - RALPH MOORE, East Farms
AMANDA OCASIO, East Farms
- 2 - CHRISTOPHER DONATO, St. Margaret
- 3 - JAMES SILLERY, St. Mary
- 4 - PATTY ZAUMS, Blessed Sacrament
- 5 - BRIAN PERRY, Carrington
- 6 - MARGHERITA D'ANDREA, West Side Middle
- 7 - ANGIE BHARGAVA, St. Margaret's-McTernan
- 8 - KRISTIN FOERSTER, West Side Middle

There once was a clown
who came to my town
He had a nose that was
very round
He shivered and shook
to be an acrobat
and laughed
all the way home.

MEGHAN CURLEY
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
KINDERGARTEN
theme:clowns

THE PICNIC

We once had a picnic under
a tree
With my mother, father, cat
and me.
Hotdogs and hamburgers cooked
on the grill,
It made me so happy that I
couldn't sit still.
We played with my frisbie and
some football,
Waiting for the food to be ready,
so my Mother would call.
I wish we could have a picnic
every day,
Until my mom and dad get too
old to play.

RALPH MOORE
EAST FARMS
GRADE 1
theme:picnic

THE PICNIC

We go swimming, it's so nice,
We drink soda with some ice,
We eat lots of food and play
in the sun,
I think picnics are lots of fun.

AMANDA OCASIO
EAST FARMS
GRADE 1
theme:the picnic

A NEW PIANO

I bought a new piano,
It has 88 keys.
I pressed two keys.
Then I sneezed.
I think I'm allergic to
2 keys.

CHRISTOPHER DONATO
ST. MARGARET
GRADE 2
theme:a new _____

MY ROOM

My room is okay I guess,
But it's always a big old mess.
I have lots of toys
That are for both, girls and boys.
My mom wants to throw my junk away,
But I said "no", "It's better this way".
My walls are tan which is a clue,
I didn't ask for tan, I wanted blue.
I don't know what else I can say,
So if you don't mind,
I'm going to play.

JAMES SILLERY
ST. MARY
GRADE 3
theme: my room

HUNGRY SHARKS!

Sharks are big and mean, the
biggest and meanest I've
ever seen.
They swim around the sea all day.
Always searching for their prey.
When they see their prey in sight,
They go up and take a bite.
So if your swimming in the sea,
Stay clear of sharks while
they're hungry!!

PATTY ZAUMS
BLESSED SACRAMENT
GRADE 4
theme: hungry sharks

RAINBOWS

Rainbows, rainbows, in the sky.
Rainbows, rainbows, up so high.
Rainbows, rainbows, in the air.
Rainbows, rainbows, everywhere.

Rainbows are bridges to the sky.
They make me want to fly.
They're big colored arches.
On top the sunlight marches.

Arches of color up in the sky.
Reds, oranges, yellows, up so high.
Green and violet and also blue.
They always make me happy too.

Rainbows are formed by the sunlight,
Just after a rainy night.
A pot of gold at the end of one,
Looking for it is so much fun.

Rainbows, rainbows, in the sky.
Rainbows, rainbows, up so high.
Rainbows, rainbows, in the air.
Rainbows, rainbows, everywhere.

BRIAN PERRRY
CARRINGTON
GRADE 5
theme: rainbows

DAYBREAK

The twinkling stars disappear
from sight,
As day replaces the dark
of night.

The sun peeks over the distant
horizon,
As into the sky it begins rising.

The delicate hues gentle,
lovely and sweet,
Wrench at your heart, making
it skip a beat.

The quiet forest begins to
light up,
And a leaf caresses dew in
its cup.

All the worlds' beings shed off
the night sky,
As if a blanket were being pulled
from their eyes.

A gift of God, you should
surely take,
Enjoy the splendor of another
daybreak!

MARGHERITA D'ANDREA
WEST SIDE MIDDLE
GRADE 6
theme:daybreak

A THING TO BE DISCOVERED

Books of adventure, excitement-
Anticipation, expression-
These in scenes of romance, love,
lust.

Like Jane Eyre and Mr. Rochester
in the garden at night,
Fighting with each other
Like a cat and a dog.
A thing to be Discovered.
Depression, hate, loathing
As when Anne Shirley realizes
she had lost
Diana Berry because of Diana's mother.
Like a baby who thinks it has
lost its Mom.
These that you can't put up with-
You can't put down-
Books undiscovered, soon to be found.

ANGIE BHARGAVA
ST. MARGARET'S-MCTERNAN
GRADE 7
theme:books! books! books!

MY DREAM

To be a surgeon, that's
my dream.

The precision of every
incision and cut.

The flowing of blood
in a neat,
thin stream: red as
fresh cut roses.

The savage way of the
pumping heart.

Gross-like qualities
they seem to most;

But to me, my passion
for medicine will

Never erase.

KRISTIN FOERSTER

WEST SIDE MIDDLE

GRADE 8

theme:my dream