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THEMES BY GRADE

K - Teddy Bears

1 - Puppies

2 - My imaginary pet is . . .

3 - Dinosaurs (real or imaginary)

4 - Sea Monsters

5 - Magical Beasts

6 - When it comes to bugs

**7 - The habits of a . . .
(type of animal, beast or bug)**

8 - The Butterfly Jar

PRIZE WINNERS 1991

K - <i>Jill D'Angelo</i>	- St. Mary School
1 - <i>Emily Jensen</i>	- St. Mary School
2 - <i>Jennifer Cyr</i>	- Blessed Sacrament School
3 - <i>Amanda Sember</i>	- Barnard School
4 - <i>Jessie Mayo</i>	- Kingsbury School (Focus)
5 - <i>Meaghan Butler</i>	- St. Margaret School
6 - <i>Debra Rosado</i>	- West Side Middle School
7 - <i>Odry Carrera</i>	- West Side Middle School
8 - <i>Jennifer Hay</i>	- West Side Middle School



MY TEDDY

When I was only three
Santa came to visit me.
Underneath the Christmas Tree
there was a bear for all to see.

I named him Oscar
with great care
as that seemed to fit
this teddy bear.
He's always there to dry my tears
When I'm alone he's always there.

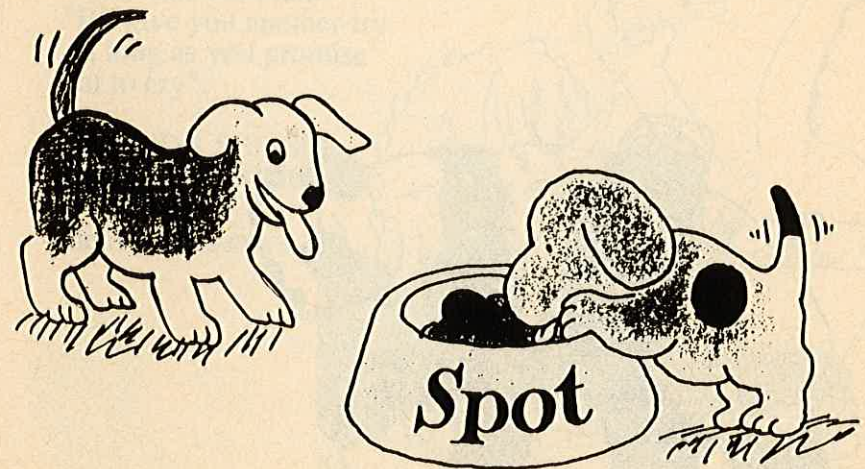
I hug my teddy all through the night
When I'm afraid I hold him tight
When I am crabby and want to fight
he still loves me with all his might.

JILL D'ANGELO
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE K
theme: teddy bears

PUPPIES

Puppies are special, puppies are sweet,
but they really like a lot to eat.
Another thing they like to do
Is chew and chew my daddy's shoe.
Daddy thinks they are a pest,
But I think puppies are the best!

EMILY JENSEN
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: puppies



MY IMAGINARY PET. . .

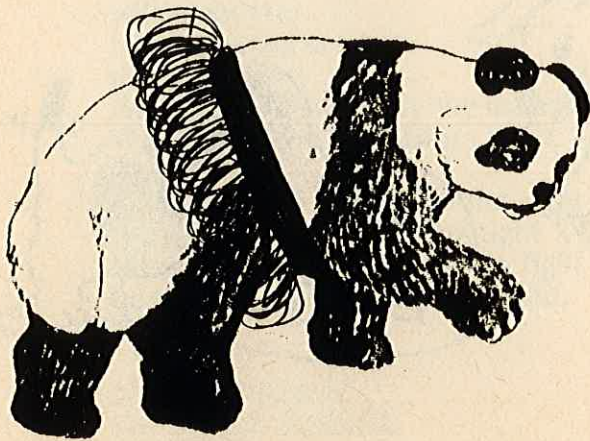
If I could have an imaginary pet
mine would be the best one yet!

A big fat, cuddly, Panda Bear
that I could sit with in my chair.

Black and white with big brown eyes
and she would be just my size.

I could put a tu-tu on her and
she could be my dancing partner.

JENNIFER CYR
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: my imaginary pet . . .



ANOTHER TRY

Long ago in a land before time.
There was a dinosaur that was blue from slime.
He was very big with a very long neck,
And everything he stepped on became a wreck.

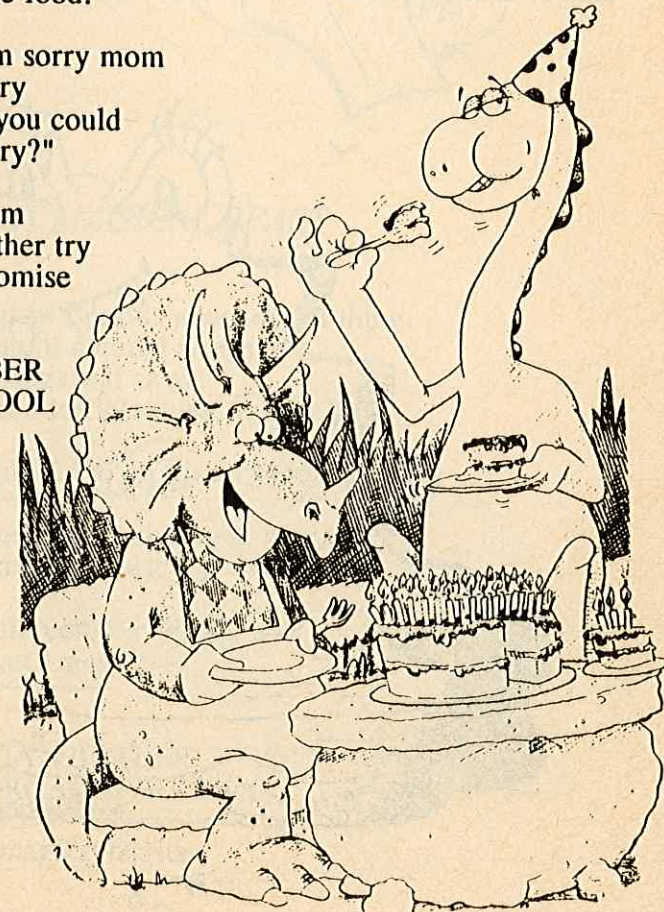
He came home late from play that day.
His mom was mad so she fed him hay.
Then he went to bed.
And on his pillow lay his head.
Then came a tear that fell from his eye
That was so sad-just like a sigh!

His mom came up and said-
"I was in a bad mood
So come on you silly dinosaur
Let's get you some food."

Then he said, "I'm sorry mom
I didn't mean to cry
But do you think you could
Give me another try?"

"Yes" said his mom
"I'll give you another try
As long as you promise
not to cry".

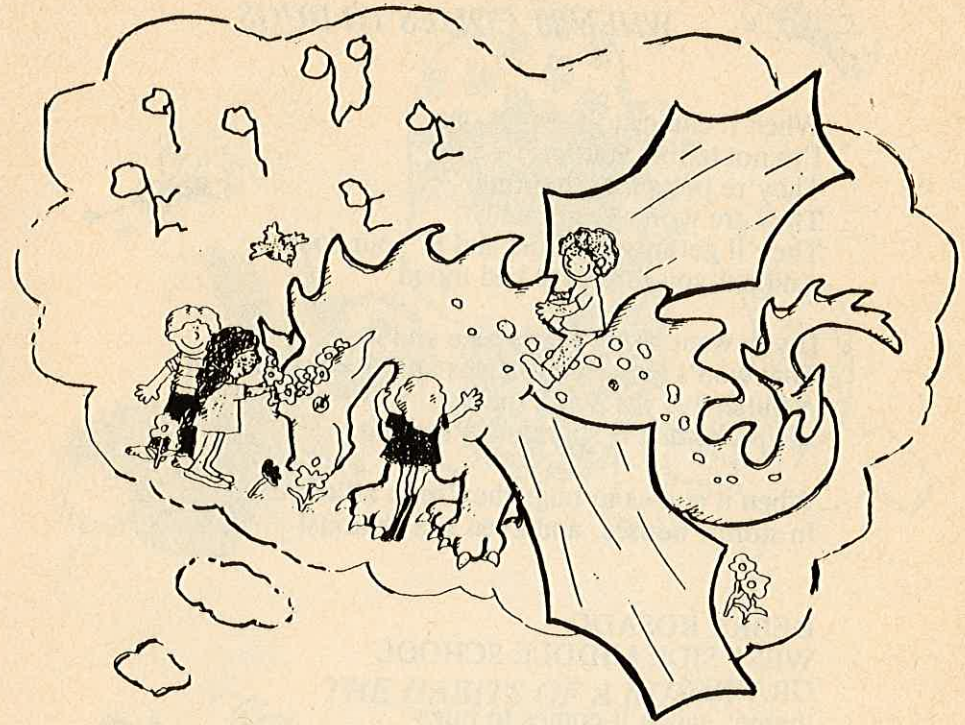
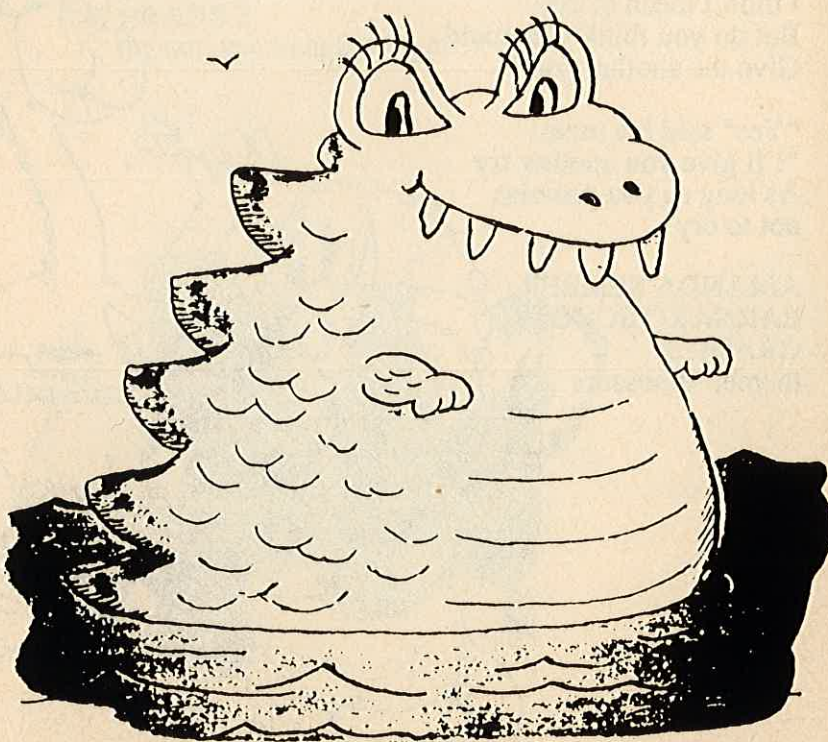
AMANDA SEMBER
BARNARD SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: dinosaurs



A SEA MONSTER DATE

One day I met a sea monster
And he invited me to lunch.
We ordered shrimp and seaweed
And ate it with a crunch.
We took a ride around the lake,
I sat upon his tail.
I waved as my friends looked at me,
I could see them all turn pale.
Said Tony Monster, "This is great fun!
I really think you're swell.
Do you think you'd like to try
to deep sea-dive as well?"

JESSIE MAYO
KINGSBURY SCHOOL (FOCUS)
GRADE 4
theme: a sea monster



MY MAGICAL BEAST

My Magical Beast is a wonderful thing.
He has multi colored wings.
He also sings and sings.
Oh, what a terrible thing to hear him
sing.
It's wonderful to go for a ride on his
wing.
Please just don't ask him to sing.
So my magical beast is a wonderful
thing.
With multi colored wings.
But he can't sing.

MEAGHAN BUTLER
ST. MARGARET SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: magical beasts

WHEN IT COMES TO BUGS

When it comes to flies
I'm not tellin' you lies
They're pests they're brats
They are worse than rats
They'll get in your stuff and in your food
And put you in a very bad mood.

If you want a bug that's nice and neat
That won't get in your shoes and tickle your feet
A butterfly, yes that's the one
It's pretty and it sparkles in the sun.

When it comes to bugs they're in all nations
In stores, houses, and even gas stations!

DEBRA ROSADO
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 6
theme: when it comes to bugs



THE HABITS OF A BUNNY

The habits of a bunny
can really be quite funny.
It'll hop and bop
until it drops,
It'll eat and drink
until it pops
but when it sees your giant face
it'll scurry to its hiding place,
and if you give it a good fright
its hair just might turn white
So, just be kind
and keep in mind
that a bunny
can really be quite funny.

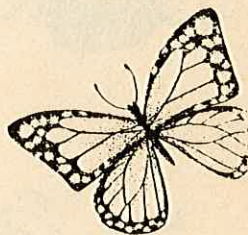
ODRY CARRERA
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 7
theme: the habits of a . . .

THE BUTTERFLY JAR

As you look out of your jar at me,
I wonder what you really see.
With your wings as bright and as soft as air,
Do you see a girl with short brown hair.



But now look at her as she bows her head,
And remembers what her father said.
That butterflies were given wings,
So that they may see all sorts of things.
And everytime one disappears from the sky,
The people hear the butterflies cry.
For a butterfly is not just for thee,
It is for the whole world to see.
For if there were no butterflies,
The world would have the gloomiest eyes.



She cries for you and you wonder why,
She cries belonging in the sky.
So she'll let you go, and she'll wonder why,
Butterflies do not say good-bye.

JENNIFER HAY
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 8
theme: the butterfly jar



HONORABLE MENTION 1991

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| 2 - <i>Laura Andrzejewski</i> | - St. Mary School |
| 3 - <i>Brian Yerzak</i> | - Blessed Sacrament School |
| 4 - <i>Gregory Sotomayor</i> | - Sprague School (Focus) |
| 5 - <i>Sergio Aguilera</i> | - Washington School |
| 6 - <i>Kyle Foley</i> | - St. Mary School |
| 7 - <i>Stephanie Wright</i> | - St. Joseph School |
| 8 - <i>George Ricciardi</i> | - West Side Middle School |

I like to hug my teddy
I like to kiss him too
I like to have my teddy
When I'm down and feeling blue.

Some teddy bears are white
Some teddy bears are brown
Whatever color teddy is
He's nice to have around.

Teddy bears are soft
Teddy bears are furry
When teddy bears are with you
There is no need to worry.

CRYSTAL MARIE THOMAS
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE K
theme: teddy bears

MY PUPPY

I used to have a little white puppy.
He was as happy as a dog could be.
He would run and jump and play
Until he ran away one day.
My dog had brown eyes and a little black nose
And soft white fur right down to his toes
His tail would wag for everyone.
FRISKY was a lot of fun
Dogs can also make you sick.
Mom says that we're allergic.
Maybe when my asthma gets better
I'll have a new dog
And I'll let you pet her.

DAVID D'ANGELO
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 1
theme: puppies

DAISY

Daisy is sleeping
Daisy is sleeping, dreaming
Is sleeping, dreaming, imagining
Sleeping, dreaming, imagining, mice.

LAURA ANDRZEJEWSKI
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 2
theme: my imaginary pet . . .

TYRANNOSAURUS REX

Tyrannosaurus Rex was
very mean and ate meat,
he was so strong that he
could not be beat.

Each one of his teeth
was sharp as a nail,
He was very big and
had an awesome tail.

All of the dinosaurs knew that
he was the king,
They would all hide
from this very large thing.

BRIAN YERZAK
BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL
GRADE 3
theme: dinosaurs

THE SEA MONSTER

I met a sea monster big and green,
he looked like he was really mean.
After he hit me on my back,
I gave that monster a big old whack.
Grawl, Snarl Ha, Ha, Ha,
Whaa, whaa, whaa! I'm telling my pa!
C'mon, Dad, he was breathing fire,
I'll prove it, Dad, I'm no liar.
He has three heads, he has three tails,
he's big enough to eat three whales.
He's so mean you'll turn pale,
Whoops! that's the end of this little old tale.

GREGORY SOTOMAYOR
SPRAGUE SCHOOL (FOCUS)
GRADE 4

theme: a sea monster

MAGICAL BEASTS

Some magical beasts are scary.
Some magical beasts are fun.
If one starts to chase you.
All you do is turn and run!

Some magical beasts are ugly.
Some magical beasts are cute.
Some may be blind.
Some may be mute!!

Some magical beasts are funny.
Some magical beasts are cool.
Everybody out of the way
Cause magical beasts rule!!!

SERGIO AGUILERA
WASHINGTON SCHOOL
GRADE 5
theme: magical beasts

WHEN IT COMES TO BUGS

When it comes to bugs
Some are small like a pea
Some sting like a bee
Some are green and brown
Some crawl on the ground
Some fly in the air
Some are so small they disappear

KYLE FOLEY
ST. MARY SCHOOL
GRADE 6

theme: when it comes to bugs

HABITS OF CATS

Cats can roam around all day,
Afterwards, they start to play.

They love to purr and cuddle,
But hate to get caught in a huddle.

They like to play with yarn,
They like to fool around.

At night, they like to eat,
But when they're done,
they go to sleep.

STEPHANIE WRIGHT
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
GRADE 7
theme: The habits of a . . .

BUTTERFLY JAR

One summer day a thought
came to mind.
A beautiful butterfly I'd like
to find.
I ran, I jumped, I finally found,
A butterfly captured without a
sound.
In a jar clear and tall,
it served for him a transparent
wall.
Cover on with holes for air,
The butterfly thought I didn't
care.
Let me out or I will die,
So I opened the jar so it
could fly.

GEORGE RICCIARDI
WEST SIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE 8
theme: the butterfly jar