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Bunker Hill
Ms Marano**

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Ms. Melesky**

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Tinker School
Ms. Lano**

**3 Jessica Aronin
St. Mary
Ms. Cordani**

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Ms. Ercoli**

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Blessed Sacrament
Mr. Fuller**

**7 Michelle Barbino
Blessed Sacrament
Mr. Fuller**

**8 Morgan Buell
St. Mary
Ms. Dorozenski**



MY FAVORITE COLOR

Pretty little pink

Looking at the sun

Very, very pretty

Flowers in the yard

Dancing in their dresses.

Brittany Burgos
Bunker Hill—K



MY CATS



I have two little cats.

They sleep on two little mats.

One is gray and her name is Ellie.

She likes it when I scratch her belly.

Moses, my cat, is black and white.

Running kids give him a fright.

He likes to eat a lot.

Sometimes taking what Ellie's got.



My cats play together with
jingling balls,

Jumping and bouncing in the halls.

I love my cats with all my might.

They are my pets and they're just right.

Danielle Licata
Maloney Magnet-1

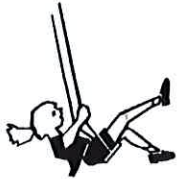


THE CIRCUS POEM

The crowd cheers
You should watch the great show
They sell things for me and you
Now come along join the fun
It's wonderful for everyone
If you go you will have lots of fun
Now come with me please
It will be a blast
So come along with me
And see what we could see
Their elephants, tigers and acrobats to
I like them all, how about you?
Families and friends love to go,
They sit together and enjoy the show.

Chelsy Baptista
Tinker School-2

FUN IS POEM



Fun to me is lots of things. Especially when it comes to swings.
Fun is going to the park. When we go there, we stay -until dark.

Fun is swimming in the pool. Ahhh, the water feels so cool!
Fun is playing with my friends. When I'm with them the fun never ends.

Fun is going to the Britney Spears movie. The clothes she wore looked so groovy!
Fun is singing, dancing, sports, and art. Four activities close to my heart.

Fun is when I take my dog for a nice walk. We are such good friends that I wish she could talk.

Fun is going to Saint Mary's school. Where learning math and science is really cool!

Mr. Kenny is so nice. He knows all the kids without thinking twice.
When I was in kindergarten, I began to write. When I was in first,
I read every night.
In second grade, I learned all neat stuff. Adding, subtracting, and cursive writing was tough.



Fun is being in the school play. Mr. Poulter works it out that way.
Fun is being a brownie too! We sell cookies and have lots to do.

Mrs. Cordani has been really great. But I'm ready for fourth grade
I just can't wait!!!
Fun is tanning in the sun. But most of all fun is for everyone!

THE END



Jessica Aronin
St. Mary-3

RECESS



Everyday,
We go out to play.
It's Recess.

The teacher calls our names,
Let's begin the games!
It's Recess.

We don't have much time,
So we quickly form a line.
It's Recess.

We have every different kind of ball,
You name it, we play them all.
It's Recess.

When the teacher blows her whistle,
We know it's official

Michael Gallo
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-4

MY FAMILY

My family is quite unique, you see
Of course, there's mom and dad and me.
And I can't fail to mention still another
It's my crazy, fun and bossy brother!
And my little sister's the newest addition
To stop her from crying is often my mission.
I can't forget Poppy who plays games with me
He let's me win but won't admit it, you see.
And Grandma - walking to school is one of her tales
The snow gets higher each time she tells it and that never fails!
And, yes, we have some cats and we have some dogs
A rabbit, chinchillas and even hedgehogs!
I have cousins in California and all the way to Maine
Some look quite fancy and some look quite plain.
There's PopPop in Tennessee who calls once a week
And an Old Italian Aunt who keeps pinching my cheeks.
My family tree is branched with various folks
We like to have fun and we all like to joke.
My family is always with me, I am never alone
And not just in person and not just by phone.
My family is with me deep in my heart
As long as I feel their love we are never apart.
My family is special because they are mine
And I'm sure yours is great too, cause every family is one of a kind!



Casey J. Pitts
St. Mary-5

CITY IN THE WINTER



A city in the winter time,
Such a pretty place,
Even when the cold wind blows,
Like ice upon your face.

It's fun to go outside,
And do things in the snow,
Like building a huge snowman,
That looks like Papa Joe.

My friends and I go everywhere,
Right after a fresh snow,
We skate and sled and slip and slide,
Everywhere we go.



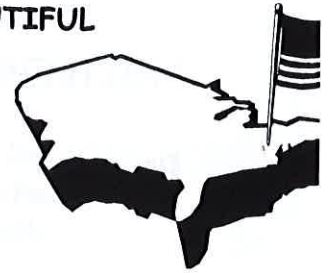
At nighttime when the sky's lit up,
Like fire works in the air,
The stars so bright and beautiful,
Shine on the white earth here.

Winter time is lots of fun,
Now matter where you are,
But in my own small city,
It's my wish upon a star.



Anthony Posila
Blessed Sacrament-6

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL



Sure our sunsets and landscape
Will make you grin
But true American beauty
Lies Within

I feel blessed to live
In the land of the free

And I thank God each day
For all he gave to me

They can take away our buildings
They can take all of our landmarks
But they can never take away
The pride in each American heart

We are a nation of strength

We're a nation of love

And I know it's a gift

Sent from Heaven above

So many religions

And so many faces

The USA show equality

To people of many races

From the north to south

From the east coast to west

Undeniably my country

Is better than the rest

So no matter what happens

No matter if our buildings fall

Our red white and blue flag

Will still be standing tall

A symbol of our justice

A symbol of our liberty

The greatness and the happiness

This country provides for me

America is beautiful

I say this without hesitation

And I know I must be lucky

To be part of this great nation

Michelle Barbino
Blessed Sacrament-7

PEACE



Peace is a period
Free from war.
When people can relax
On every shore.

When parents need not worry
That their child will be called
To fight the fury.

A time when hands come together
To thank the Lord,
That man has finally laid down
The sword.

Tears that are shed,
Are tears of joy.
not tears of sorrow.
For one's lost boys.



Morgan Buell
St. Mary-8

HONORABLE MENTION

K Andrew Roy
St. Peter & Paul
Ms. McGrath

1 Allison Burton
Trinity Academy
Ms. Sabella

2 Cassie Anderson
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3 Brandon Remillard
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Ms. La Chance

4 Rebecca Cordani
St. Mary
Ms. Pannullo

5 Shequille Hoffler
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6 Kristen Cavanaugh (Tie)
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6 Thomas Blinstrubas (Tie)
St. Mary
Ms. Kenny

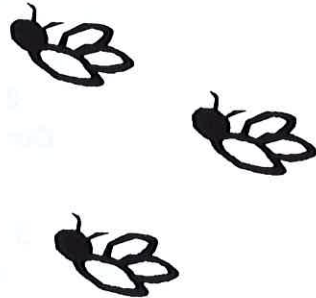
7 Sarah Cordani
St. Mary
Ms. Dorozenski

8 Jessica Rodriguez
St. Peter & Paul
Mr. Gambardella

MY FAVORITE COLOR



A yellow sun,
Butter on a bun,
a buzzing bumblebee
making honey just for me.



The corn I eat
that tastes so sweet,
That's my favorite color.



Andrew Roy
St. Peter & Paul-K

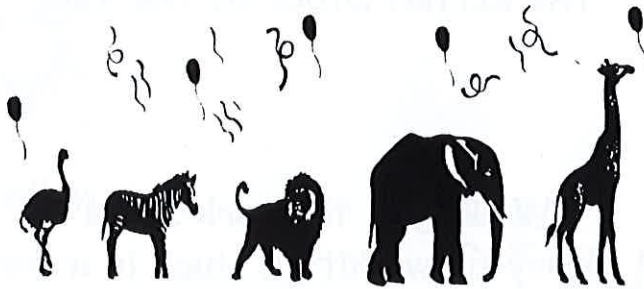
THE KITTEN STUCK IN THE TREE

Walking in the park I see
A skinny brown kitten stuck in a tree
My mom goes
To the fire station with me
To tell the firemen
About the kitten in the tree.
The firemen go to the park
And find the kitten
Scratching on the bark.
I'll take the kitten home with me
To see the love of my family.



Allison Burton
Trinity Academy-1

THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN



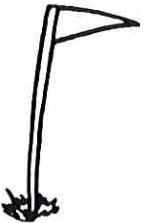
I jumped up and down
Because the circus was in town!
oh Mom, please can we go?
NO!
But, please Mom, please?
OH, all right.
As soon as I'm there I see lots of neat things...
Lions and tigers and horses and dogs,
A Ringmaster, acrobats jugglers and clowns...
Thanks Mom! It's always lots of fun.
Going to the circus when it is in town!

Cassie Anderson
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-2

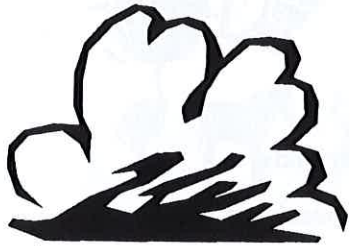
FUN IS...



Fun is bowling with family and friends,
or skiing a mountain on a snowy weekend
Fun is playing basketball on a court
or a gym, or playing Nintendo with my friend Tim.
Snow tubing is fun going down a big hill, or eating
pizza until I've had my fill.
Fun is a sleepover with my pal Scott,
I like it because we laugh alot.
I never thought mini golf was much fun,
until I got a hole in one.
Fun is Cub Scouts because I learn as I grow,
the older I get the more things I'll know.



Brandon Remillard
St. Peter & Paul-3



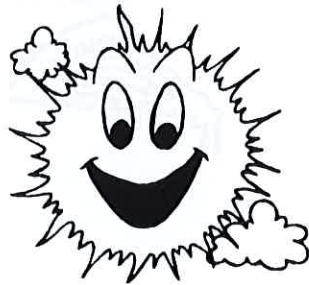
RECESS

It's recess time.
The sky is gray.
The teacher thinks
Inside, we will stay.

"We won't go out.
We will have to stay in.
I know you won't pout."
The teacher said with a grin.

But suddenly it happened.
The clouds broke away.
Recess is back on!
What a wonderful day!

Rebecca Cordani
St. Mary—4



A FAMILY'S WAY

My Mom my Dad
My brothers and me
Playing ball in the driveway
What a sight to see

Together we live
Together we play
Together we learn
It's our family's way

Dinners together
Walks in the park
Skateboarding, biker riding
All before dark

Basketball, football
All the games we play
We do them together
It's our family's way

Shequille Hoffler
Children's Community-5



THE CITY IN WINTER (TIE)

The city in winter
Oh! what a sight
What a magical feeling
Especially at night
The streetlights glowing
As the wind is blowing
While the children are snug in bed
The fire is crackling
As the skyscrapers turn white
The freshly fallen snow
That fell over night
It's a clear blue morning
The children will play
They're as happy as ever
There's no school today!



Kristen Cavanaugh
Blessed Sacrament-6

THE CITY IN WINTER (TIE)

A city in winter is white with snow.
It covers the ground with shimmering glow.

A city in winter is a pretty sight.
Snow and ice give reflections bright.

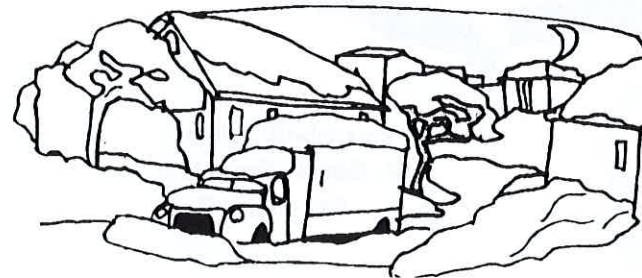
A city in winter has a magical view.
It has a quietness that puts a spell on you.

A city in winter can be cold.
Going outside makes you feel bold.

A city in winter has snowplows that raise
Snowbanks around the streets like a maze.

A city in winter seems to have no end.
I miss Spring, who seems like my best friend.

Thomas Blinstrubas
St. Mary-6



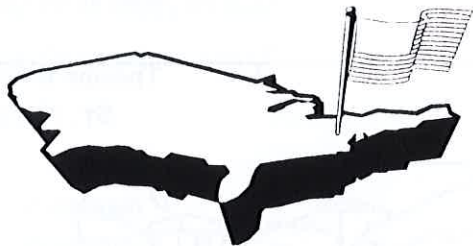
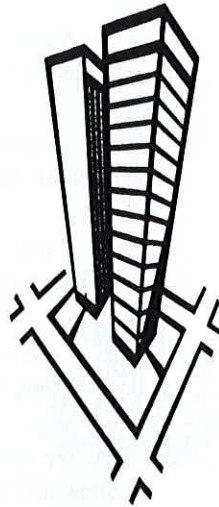
AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

When the Twin Towers were standing.
They were our hope and our pride.
Bin Laden will never break.
The love we hold deep inside.

The United States is our land.
It will always be true.
United we will stand.
We are the red, white, and blue.

America means more
Than Trade Center twin towers,
It means more than wealth
Or presidential powers,

It means more than our enemies
Ever could guess.
So God bless America
God bless! God bless!



Sarah Cordani
St. Mary-7

DREAMS OF HARMONY, DROPS OF PEACE

Peace is love,
Love is God,
We are all intertwined
By the one divine.

If we could all get along,
We would be so strong.
We must rid the world of hate and animosity,
We must eradicate this atrocity.

Peace is unity
With everyone in the community.
Of every color and race,
Let us join together to make a better place.

Though creating world peace would be tough,
The first move must start with us.
We are the creations
That can bring peace to the nations.

Peace is love, and love is God.



Jessica Rodriguez
St. Peter & Paul-8

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