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THEMES by GRADE

1st Baby Animals

2nd Dinosaurs

3rd Insects

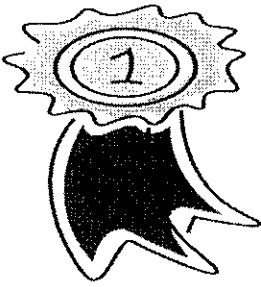
4th Magic

5th My Favorite Athlete

6th Friends

7th My Favorite Music

8th Smart Phones



FIRST PRIZE WINNERS 2012

- 1 Tyler Kiluk**
- 2 Skylar Warner**
- 3 Elsa Kollcinaku**
- 4 Joshua Rio**
- 5 Mariella Landry**
- 6 Nicholas Barrett**
- 7 Nehway Sahn**
- 8 Jessica Spillane**



TIGER CUBS

Furry, Funny, Fuzzy

Jump, Play, Run

Sharp Claws, Small Paws

Run Run Run,

Jump, Hunt, Bounce

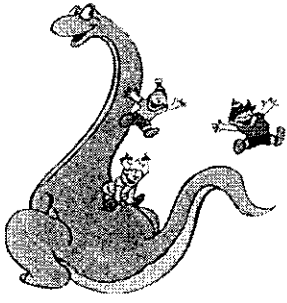
Play All Day,

Blue Eyes, Many Stripes

Run Run Run!

Tyler Kiluk

Blessed Sacrament 1



DINOSAURS

Some dinosaurs were really tall.

Other ones were very small.

Some were brown and some were green

And some were also very mean.

They are gone now.

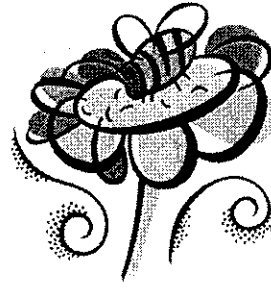
And I know how.

The Ice Age came and froze the ground.

That's why you don't see them around.

Skylar Warner

St. Mary School 2

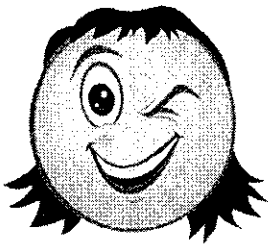


CRUELLA BEEVILL

The queen bee waits for what workers bring.
But the workers looked and brought nothing.
The queen insisted for a huge bowl of honey.
So they went out again on a day that was sunny.
They brought back honey with a touch of fuzz.
But the queen didn't like it and let out a buzz.
The bees were tired, but they had to go.
So they went out again, all tired and slow.
The workers looked, they tried and tried.
The queen got so hungry that she died.

Elsa Kollcinaku

Carrington School 3



THE MAGIC MULLET

Once there was a flying mullet
He flew faster than a speeding bullet
One day he couldn't help staring at a beautiful star
Then he got hit by a car

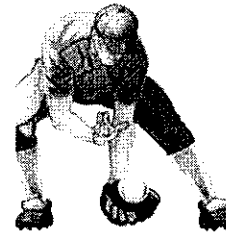
The mullet cried out in pain
He laid down blocking an entire car lane
Luckily, the man in the car was a magician
This man was on his way to his very first audition

The mullet had split in two
The man pulled out his wand
He said, "With my wand
I will make you bond"

There was a flash
Then there was an unexpected bash
The mullet was gone without a trace
And the magician couldn't find his face

Joshua Rio

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 4



DEREK JETER

Derek Jeter

When he's on the field it's so much sweeter

His position is shortstop

He can catch the ball on the hardest hop

When he's up at bat

He deserves a pat

He is always hitting a homerun

Which is a lot of fun

For the fans cheering in the stands

He made it into the 3,000 hit club

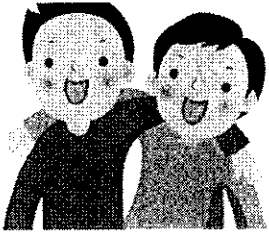
His fans showed him so much love

If you want to find him in his pinstripes of white and blue

You'll find him in the diamond he'll be wearing the number two

Mariella Landry

St. Peter and Paul School 5



FRIENDS

Friends friends you need them most
One of my friends eats artichokes
We like to text and watch TV
Or even play my Nintendo Wii

We like watching hockey games
And guessing players names
We like playing basketball
In the summer, spring and fall

We hang out after school
And swim in someone's pool
Sometimes we have a cookout
It's tasty there's no doubt

Friends friends you need them most
We tell stories about creepy ghosts
We laugh and scream so many times
We make up songs that never rhyme

Nicholas Barrett

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 6



MUSIC

Music, Music

It drowns my soul,

It takes me on journeys

I've never been on before.

Music, Music

It's such a gleam!

It makes me release all my biggest fears and dreams.

From pop to jazz, to rock and roll;

It all goes deep down in my soul

On a warm, dark Friday night,

my iPod shines its light so bright,

With my headphones in, and volume dim,

I swim with the music within.

So now you see what I've implied,

And how music surrounds me like fireflies.

Nehway Sahn

St. Peter and Paul School 7



SMART PHONE

Smart phone oh smart phone
How I use your music and apps.
Smart phone oh smart phone
How I use your helpful maps.
Smart phone oh Smart phone
You keep my daily events,
Smart phone oh Smart phone
Use the web to buy a tent.
Smart phone oh Smart phone
I can tell time with your clock,
Smart phone oh Smart phone
I can always pick a stock.
Smart phone oh Smart phone
I can use video chat,
Smart phone oh Smart phone
Take a picture of my cat.
Smart phone oh Smart phone
I can talk or I can text,
Smart phone oh Smart phone
Watch me press next.

Jessica Spillane

St. Mary School 8



HONORABLE MENTION 2012

- 1 Bradley Santos**
- 2 Matthew Barrett**
- 3 Jesse Breidenbach**
- 4 Lecity Omagbon**
- 5 Kendelle Rose Pitts**
- 6 Erin Goggin**
- 7 Jennifer Carroll**
- 8 Isabella Fazo**



BABY BEAR

I see a baby bear sitting in his chair.

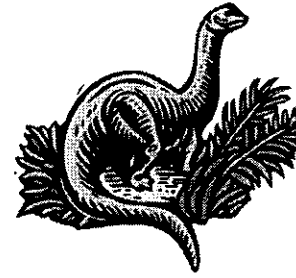
He is waving his big hand at his sister playing in the sand.

His mom is cleaning the house and his dad is chasing a mouse.

Baby bear loves his family and always watches them so happily.

Bradley Santos

Blessed Sacrament 1



DINOSAURS

I'd like to find some dinosaurs
So I could watch them eat
I'd even want to feed them
Some fruits and fancy meat

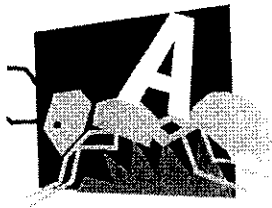
I'd want them to be friendly
So I wouldn't be afraid
They could help with my homework
Then I'd really have it made

If I had the chance to do it
I would bring them to my school
They would meet all of my friends
Now that would be too cool

I'd remember them forever
And thank them for their time
I'd have the best day ever
And it wouldn't cost a dime.

Matthew Barrett

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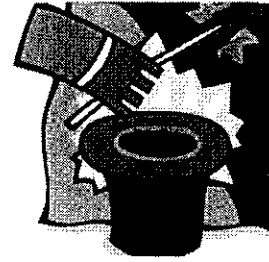


THE MIGHTY ANT

As tiny as he can be, the ant carries
his weight times three.
Most look at him as pesty, making
A picnic kind of messy
But no, not me. The ant is very
skillful as most don't see.
He works very hard as he travels
from yard to yard.
Working to make a home, building tunnels
so they can roam.
They work as a team. Moving a crumb
for a lunch that's a dream.
As tiny as he can be, there is no other
bug as mighty as he!

Jesse Breidenbach

St. Peter and Paul 3



MYSTERIOUS MAGIC WAND

Once, I found a wand so bright
It shone like crystals in the light.
I stooped to pick it from the ground
But then it changed into a hound.

A hound! I shouted in surprise
As it looked at me with misty eyes
It wagged its tail and began to bark
And then it ran off to the park.

I got to the park in time to see
My magic hound was up in a tree
Come down Misty eyes! I said to the hound
It jumped to the ground and danced around.

The day was coming to an end
I had to say goodbye to my friend
As I walked slowly towards the pond,
I saw Misty eyes change back to a wand

Lecity Omagbon

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School 4

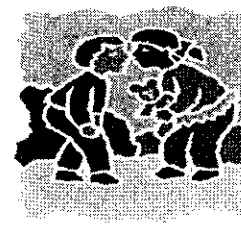


MY FAVORITE ATHLETE

My favorite Athlete is "Wilma."
 No, she's not related to Fred!
Wilma Rudolph was an amazing athlete
 And about her there's much to be said.
 I read about her in my classroom.
 She was born a long time ago.
 At first she was an active young girl,
 then at four she got polio.
 It broke her heart and made her cry
 But it didn't break her spirit.
 A Doctor gave her a brace for her leg
 and she didn't like to wear it.
 She watched her siblings go to school;
 Wilma studied basketball games.
 She was a survivor and loved to move
 and her hunger couldn't be tamed.
 She went to church, took off her brace;
 Started to walk down the aisle.
 All prayed all sang, as she walked on her own;
 Her Mom cried and had a big smile!

Wilma then gave her brace away.
 She didn't need it anymore.
 She exercised and got into shape
 and went to the basketball floor.
 A Track and Field Coach saw her
 in high school while playing ball.
 He said her legs were made to run
 so she began to sprint that Fall.
 In 1960 she went to Rome.
 Each meter race she ran the best!
 "The fastest woman in history."
 Olympic star above the rest!
 Wilma's story does amaze me.
 A poor black girl who beat the odds.
 Shows anything is possible,
 With courage, love, and God.
 Wow! Was only four pounds at birth;
 they didn't think she'd survive!
 And look what she accomplished;
 There was a purpose for this life!

Kendelle Rose Pitts
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 5



FRIENDS

Friends can come from anywhere.

They can also go here and there.

Some last a lifetime,

But some can only last a summertime.

I can tell secrets they'll never tell.

And call to make sure all is well.

We joke around and laugh so hard we fall to the ground.

And sometimes chill and hardly make a sound.

Sure we might fight.

We can't deny it. It's plain in sight.

But they are the ones who encourage me to try new things.

They gave me my wings to soar to new heights.

I hope I have my friends

Until our time together ends.

Erin Goggin

St. Mary Magdalen - Oakville 6



MY FAVORITE MUSIC

I just lose it
When I hear my music!
I use my brush
And sing to "Big Time Rush!"
I do the jive
To "Maroon 5!"
I hop hop hop
To the music that pops!
When I get my chance
I burst out and dance!
But "One Direction"
Is such perfection!
Then I sing sing sing
To make me bling bling bling!
I mean I just completely lose it
So let's get to it!!

Jennifer Carroll

St. Peter and Paul School 7



THE REAL DEAL

Smart phones today are quite extraordinary,
It's the type of phone that's anything, but ordinary,
Click or tap?
It's as simple as that,
Searching the web I do with ease.
It makes my life feel like a breeze,
Smart Phones today, can be surprising,
No wonder why their prices are rising,
Now for the apps, they're always fun,
My absolute favorite is *Temple Run*,
Getting a smart phone is a wise choice,
I know for a fact, they make many rejoice,
Smart phones today, are number one in the state,
I think it's because they're really great,
With a built in GPS, you'll know where to go,
The smart phone tells you what you need to know,
They're light, appealing, and easy to carry around,
They have so many cases if it hits the ground,
Smart phones today, are quite the deal,
The first time you get one, it'll seem unreal.

Isabella Fazo

St. Mary School 8

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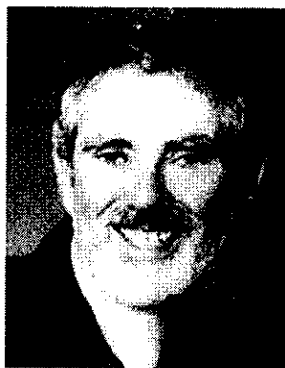
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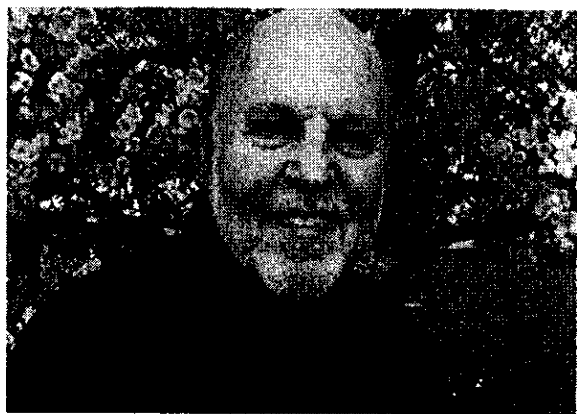
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