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THEMES by GRADE

1st Baby Animals

2nd Dinosaurs

3rd Insects

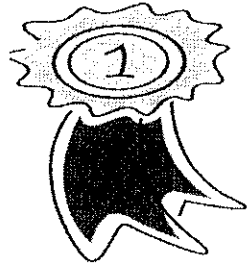
4th Magic

5th My Favorite Athlete

6th Friends

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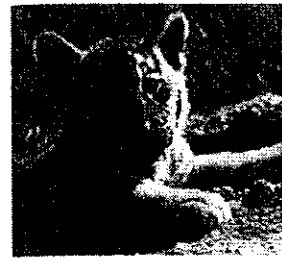
8th Smart Phones



FIRST PRIZE WINNERS 2013

Grade

- 1 Tracy Lee Graves II
- 2 Ava Genovese
- 3 Taylor Youle
- 4 Cassidy Williams
- 5 Anthony Forino
- 6 Kendelle Rose Pitts
- 7 Eva C. Familia
- 8 Lauren Ashley Patterson



The Playful Cub

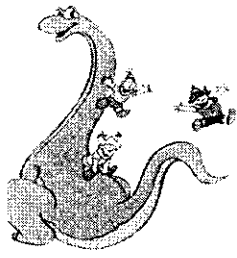
I gave my Animal a gentle rub
The Animal I rubbed was a Lion Cub
He was very gentle and I rubbed him softly
And I laughed and laughed
Because he wouldn't get off me

We played and played
Until the end of the day

I fed him quickly
With no delay

Lion cubs are very curious
But if he eats my mother's couch
She'll be furious.

Tracy Lee Graves II
Saint Mary School 1



Soccer - Saurus

My Dinosaur, likes to play soccer.
He keeps his cleats in his locker.
He could hit the ball with his head.
"That doesn't hurt a bit" he said.
He could kick the ball very far.
He is quite the soccer star.
He loves the game with his heart and
soul.
He is always guaranteed to score a
goal!

Ava Genovese

Saint Mary School 2

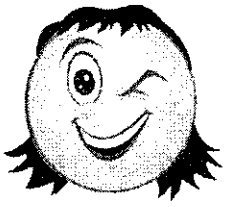


Oh the Insects you can see

Oh the insects you can see
May be a big fat yellow bee
Some insects can fly
Like a beautiful butterfly
You can see an ant crawl
Or a grasshopper stand up tall
Oh the insects you can see
It's a big fat mystery

Taylor Youle

Sts. Peter & Paul School 3



Magic

A land full of wonder
Where the witches cackle and the wolves call
Lives magic for one and for all
Come late hours where magic is at its' highest peak

Let it be said fairies fly
Past the moon past the sky
No one could reach them
Not even giants up high

Look up see it standing right there
The mighty dragon as red as a pepper
It let out a big roar as the dragon breathed fire
But nothing seemed to come just a yawl

The witches soar and the wizards seek
The book of spells is what they speak
By their chants you can feel magic in the air
Through my toes through my hair magic is everywhere

Cassidy Williams
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School 4



The Babe

My favorite athlete is Babe Ruth
I'm going to tell you things about how he played
You won't think it's the truth
He was the greatest player God ever made!

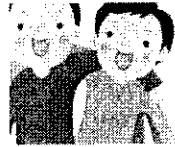
He was the best he hit 714 home runs
He had a lot of nicknames one of them was the Sultan
of Swat
All the world loved to watch him all the fathers and
sons

Babe Ruth was special and he was loved a lot!

The number he wore was three
The Great Bambino they would yell
As he ran the bases so happy
Hot dogs and popcorn is what you would smell!

He started out with the Red Sox
Many people did not know
He was traded to the Yankees
Where he put on a great show!

Anthony Forino
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School 5



Finding Friends

Last September I eagerly entered the Sixth Grade,
 And I admit that I was a bit afraid.
 It was a big building, a brand new school.
 I knew nobody and that wasn't cool.
 The first day was scary, I tried to relax;
 I began meeting others that were in my class.
 The Teacher made a joke, which made me smile
 And the girl next to me did laugh for awhile.
 So we began talking, quietly at our desks
 And we exchanged numbers to study for tests.
 Then came the Lunchroom, so where do you sit?
 It's like a piece of a puzzle—where do you fit?
 Luckily this boy in my class called my name out loud
 And I was invited to join with his crowd.
 Next came a class where we had to pick partners;
 I asked a lone girl, and told her we did want her.
 By the end of that day, I had made lots of friends;
 From all different cultures and all different blends.
 Friends to laugh with, hang out with, to talk and to share;
 Friends you see all week long, and glad they are there!
 My new friends are great, but I do have old ones too.
 In fact, I called them that first day to tell them the news.
 "I met Helen, Erikka, Kimmie, Julia, and Ben,
 And I can't wait to return to see them again!"
 You see, "friend" is a word that makes your heart sing.
 A friend is someone you choose, and that's just the thing.
 Everyone everywhere needs a friend sometime;
 So give others a chance, you never know who you'll find!
 Because although we are different, we're in it together,
 And having some friendships make all our lives better!

Kendell Rose Pitts

Waterbury Arts Magnet School 6



The Importance of Song

Music is something we all seem to love,
 From the beat of a drum or the song of a dove,
 With it we are filled with happiness,
 Even to lyrics that have much sappiness,
 Is it so wrong to dance along?
 Dancing along to your favorite song?
 Tapping your feet,
 Move with the beat,
 Clapping your hands,
 Singing in a band,
 From the slither of a snake,
 To a splash in a lake,
 And with pat on the back,
 What does music seem to lack?
 Music is my favorite art,
 Never could we truly part,
 Without it my life would surely end,
 Yet with it my life will forever transcend.

Eva C. Familia

Saint Mary School 7



Smart Phones Or Stupid Electronics

I think my title says it all
The only smart thing smart phones can do is call
When you think about it, they also made my generation fall.

By that I mean,
We are so antisocial and lazy,
I think that's just straight up crazy.

Most teenagers hate calling
They would rather text.
But when they forget how to write a letter,
That's not the best.

I think smart phones made us dumber,
That's a pretty big bummer.
Most teenagers don't even write English now,
We use abbreviations like lol,
So it will be easy to spell like wow.

A lot of people believe you have swag
When you have a smart phone,
When I hear you say that,
You sound dumber than a plastic cone.

Most people believe smart phones are a piece of plastic
So they leave it hanging half out of their jacket.
But when it falls on the floor, I'm just like wow you could of cracked it.

I've heard people call their smart phones.
Their world, life, even baby,
I just look at them and ask, do you
Even know how to spell the word maybe?

I'm not saying that people are dumb,
But if I told you to get up and give me
Your smart phone, would you even dare to come?

So what I'm really trying to leave in your brain,
Is that I think this is just another trick, to let us walk in vain.

Lauren Ashley Patterson
Lighthouse Academy 8



HONORABLE MENTION 2013

Grade

- 1 Rea Hoxha
- 2 Mya Zaccagnini
- 3 Thaddeus Mercier
- 4 Jordan Keen
- 5 Erika Strachan
- 6 Jakob Laferriere
- 7 Ariana Torres
- 8 Josephine Ferrerra-Leach



Baby Animals

Baby animals are everywhere

Near, far, and in the air

Some are cute, Some are wild

And some greet us with a gigantic smile.

Bunnies, kittens, puppies, and more

All of them I adore.

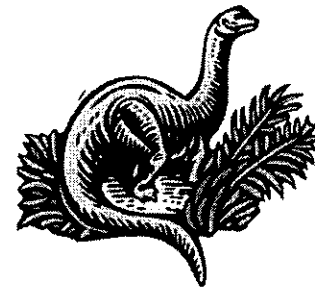
Baby animals are everywhere

Near, far, and in the air.

Oh, baby animals don't you know.

Oh, baby animals I love you so!

Rea Hoxha
Wendell Cross School 1



Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs are tall and green.

Some are nice and some are mean.

Some have wings that make them fly.

If I saw a dinosaur I think I would cry.

The dinosaur who eats plants is a herbivore.

The dinosaur who eats meat is a carnivore.

Dinosaurs lived long ago what happened to them,

I don't know.

Mya Zaccagnini
Saint Mary School 2



I'm Like a Nerd with Insects

I really like insects, I even have my own. I like to study them, and watch them grow. I watch spiders eat beetles, I watch birds eat spiders.

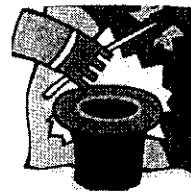
Almost all insects help you except for those stupid mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, bed bugs, and yellow jackets. Insects are small but they're not weak, they have poison, spikes, and stink.

When people kill spiders that is pretty mean. Chill out people, they help you, they eat those nasty fleas!

Let's just say, I love insects. . . I'm like a nerd with them!

Thaddeus Mercier

Sts. Peter and Paul School 3



The Magic Show

If you like magic you should go,
to the magician's magic show.
It starts with silence, then a boom,
The magician appears into the room!

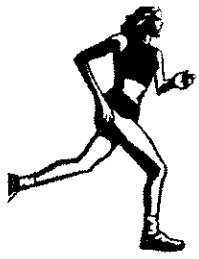
The magician pulls from his hat,
Seventeen rabbits just like that.
In the magician's next trick he needs a volunteer,
That he will make disappear.

As soon as the magician makes the
Volunteer disappear, he will make her
Reappear. After the audience has seen this trick,
They wonder who will be the magician's next pick.

For the magician's last and
Final trick, he chooses a little boy named
Nick. Abra-cadabra, abra-camoat, make
The little boy named Nick float!

Jordan Keen

Our Lady of Mount Carmel 4



My Sister

My sister is an athlete
Who will not take defeat
She pushes herself to the best
Practices everyday without rest

My sister is a dancer of many forms
Pointe, jazz, ballet twist and turns body to conform
To this art
She has given her heart

My sister is a cheerleader
Jumps, flips, and motions that are always neater
At this sport she loves to compete
But would never cheat

My sister is an athlete
Always landing on her feet
Always rising above
But to me she is the sister I love

Erika Strachan
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 5



Friends

Stick together

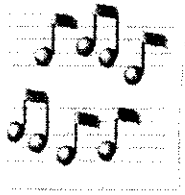
Play sports together

Protect each other, share

staff

Pals

Jakob Laferriere
Saint Mary School 6



"My Favorite Music"

When we hear the rhythm or the beat,
It makes us want to move our feet.

But, my favorite music is the
soothing sound of the birds chirping,
even the booming thunder, the best
Is the whistling wind.

This is my favorite music.

Listen, can you hear the rhythm
Of the raindrops going
Pitter, patter.

Oh, wait you could hear the
Thunder booming like a great big
drum.

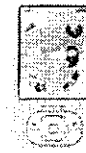
This is my favorite music.

Wait what is the next song on our
Rainforest CD?

Oh, it is the birds going
Tweet, tweet

And the whistling winds going
Whoosh, whoosh.

Ariana Torres
Sts. Peter and Paul School 7



The Perfect Pocket Appliance

Before iPhones people sat around like slobs,
But this all changed thanks to the brilliant Steve Jobs.

The iPhone was a unique creation,
People wanted to become a part of the sensation.
Everyone soon wanted an Apple appliance,
This was the start of the iPhone alliance

You can fill it with up to eight pages of apps,
It even has an alarm to wake you from naps.
Need a coat? If you don't know, there's an app to tell you the weather,
Its amazing service helps you and friends stay in contact together.
If you don't know the date, there's an app for that too,
There are many cases to choose from, my Otter box is blue.

Teenagers love iPhones because they can go online,
Twitter and Instagram anywhere, anytime.
Kids love all the games they can play,
If there's nothing to do it can get them through the day.
Adults love the iPhone because they can keep in touch,
Having this appliance is a must.

Josephine Ferrerra-Leach
Saint Mary School 8

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Shakespeare



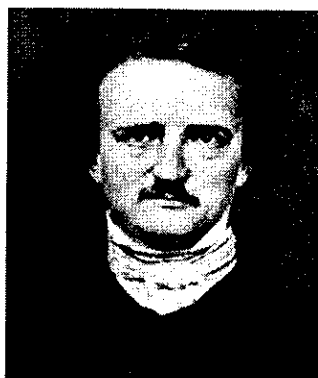
Robert Frost



Emily Dickinson



Maya Angelou



Edgar Allan Poe

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