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Dear Students, Parents, and Teachers,

Spring fever has energized our University School writers in the past few months. This issue is filled with stories and poems about this favorite season. Other writers share their ideas about the Iditarod, colors, holidays, friends both human and non-human, caring for the earth, and much more.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Cantor, Editor

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Spring Magic

Spring

Spring lasts three beautiful months,
With a blue sky on the ceiling of the earth.
The flowers always blossom up into trees
and down on the ground.
People play outside in the bright sunshine
with their friends or pets.
And of course they enjoy.
Spring is a wonderful thing.

by Sarah Forman

Grade 3

Spring

Spring is here, don’t melt in the sun
In other words, we’ll have some fun.
Spring is when we clean the house,
In case winter brought a mouse.
Spring brings flowers in bloom
And ends long months of winter gloom.
I made the audition,
Now I can go fishing.

by Jordan Weinger

Grade 5

Spring Is Near!

The first day of spring,
It is such a wonderful thing!
We love to play and have fun
in the beautiful shining sun.
Have no fear,
Spring is here,
It has come to save the day!
Mother, now can we go outside and play?
I love to sing, I love to cheer,
Spring is near, Hooray!

by Lizzie Klein

Grade 5

Spring

Spring, Spring, is really so sunny.
It’s so lively and fresh.
What a lovely thing.
The people are playful
and the flowers are so colorful.
What a lovely thing.
The flowers look beautiful
and the bees are busy.
What a lovely thing.

by Kim Wald

Grade 3
The Iditarod

The Iditarod is a big dogsled race held in Alaska. The idea is to get from the start to the finish line. The musher gives the commands to the dogs. The Iditarod lasts for two weeks.

The Red Lantern is the last musher to finish the Iditarod. They have a Red Lantern party for the last musher to finish the race.

The Iditarod is a very hard and very dangerous race. The dogs can run for a very long time. The dogs have great endurance. The mushers don't sleep that long during the race. They sleep for about two hours. The Iditarod race is hard.

by Wesley Suskind Grade 3

The Vowels That Went Down the Drain

A E I O and U are all vowels. A E I O and U all drowned down the drain in the shower. A E I O and U all made a funny sound when they went down the drain. They were in the shower for two hours cleaning themselves off until they went down the drain. They were so proud that they turned into vowel chowder.

by Lindsey Desrosiers AEIOU Grade 1

How Silent E Was Invented

Once there was a school. It was called The Letter School. Letters lived there. There were vowels called A,E,I,O,U and sometimes Y. But all the same they were short vowels. E felt sorry for them. Then E came up with an idea. He told his friends his idea. This is what he said. "You can be long vowels while I am silent." The others said, "What about you? Don't you want to be a long vowel too?" E said, "Of course I do. If there is an E or an A after me, I can be a long vowel." And so it was arranged. And that's how silent E was invented.

by Danny Crispino O U Grade 1
Colors to Brighten Your Day

Blue

Blue is the color of the beautiful ocean that floats upon the breeze.
The sky is pretty blue way up high.
The blueberry that you eat is so delicious, soft and juicy.
Blue is the color of a pool that you swim in.
An iceberg is big and blue and is in cold places.

by Megan Seely

Yellow

Yellow is the taste of a sour lemon.
Yellow is the feel of a sunflower in a garden.
Yellow is the color of sparkling gold.
Yellow is the nice taste of a banana.
Yellow is the taste of good corn.
Yellow is the glittering sun that shines in the sky.
Yellow is thread that spins around.

by Alex Guilder

Red

Red is the taste of a juice red apple.
Red is the smell of a ruby red rose.
Feel red—it's as thick as a flame of fire.
See red—it's as dark as a cherry.
Red is a hot beautiful sun.
See red hair parted beautifully.
When I see red I think of a pretty heart.
Red is best when you keep it together.
Red makes you have beautiful weather.
When red comes to a heart you love each other.
Red comes to mind when I'm wearing a red shining cape.

by Kate St. John

Purple

Purple is the flowers that sway in the air.
Purple is the plums that are on a tree that I sit under.
The grapes that I eat taste very sweet.
The roses that I run through smell very good.
Purple is the night shadow and the shadow of a cat that walks on the roof.

by Danny Glass
Spring

A good time to sing and play,
While the sun shines all day.
The birds sing songs so sweet,
It makes you want to dance
to their beat.
When you go to the beach
and swim in the ocean,
You had better have some
suntan lotion.
Everyone enjoys spring!

by Matthew Wender  Grade 2

The First Day of Spring

Spring is a time when we have no school.
The weather is never too hot or too cool.
Kids have so much fun.
They play in the sun.
Spring is when beautiful flowers start to bloom.
It is not a time to be stuck in your room.
April showers are the best.
Spring is a better season than all the rest.

by Danielle Novick  Grade 5

Spring

Spring is the time when fresh flowers bloom.
Spring is the time when birds sing on leafy trees.
Spring is the time where there are sunshowers.
The green grass is so pretty in the spring.
I think Spring is the best season because
My birthday is in April!

by Samantha Gurman  Grade 3

Springtime

Springtime always brings clear skies,
No one ever has tears in their eyes.
Spring always brings a lot of heat,
It also brings everything neat.
Spring is always the season that's better.
A wedding ring is what the groom will get her.
I wish spring would last and last,
I think it goes by way too fast.

by Ilana Pregen  Grade 5
Tallest Tales

Tail Tallahassee

A long time ago in the land of Oz a baby was born. Her name was Tail Tallahassee. I’m telling you she was bigger than a grown horse! Tail Tallahassee loved milk. She could drink five gallons of milk in twenty-five seconds. Oz was known for milk.

One day Oz ran out of milk. Tail Tallahassee walked to Florida teary-eyed. Once she got to the bottom of Florida she stomped her feet and made a huge hole. Then she sat in the hole and cried, cried, and cried. It wasn’t a pretty sight. Within five minutes she filled up the hole with water. When she stopped crying, Puff Daddy, the governor, saw Tallahassee and said, “Who caused this masterpiece?”

Tallahassee said, “Me sir, but I didn’t mean to…” Puff Daddy said, “It’s really okay, you’re a hero because you have made a lake of water that we will use for fresh water.” That’s how Lake Okeechobee was formed. Tallahassee’s reward was having the state’s capital named after her.

by Marisa Goldberg

The Little Big Story of Little Big Sisters

Once upon a time there were three little, and I say little I mean little, sisters. They lived in New York. Their names were Libby, Monica and Samantha, A.K.A. Small Samantha, Little Libby and Mini Monica. These girls were extra special because they were three inches tall and two pounds, but they could run 200 miles per hour and could lift something as heavy as a car. But you should see them hail a cab—it’s pitiful!

They decided to move to Florida. When they got there they could not believe their eyes. So much land for running around on! They decided to have a race in one big circle. When they got started they could not stop. They kept on going and going, sort of like the Energizer bunny. When they did stop they had made a giant hole. So they filled it with water and ta-da! Lake Okeechobee.

by Jennifer Robinson
**The Earth Is Our Home**

**A Tree**

This tree is here because bird seed was dropped into a hole. The hole covered up with wet leaves. Weeks passed. The seed grew roots.

Next spring a boy was walking through the woods. He noticed the tree that had sprouted from the seed. He made a treehouse in the tree. He made a rope ladder on the tree. The boy came to play in the tree on Saturday. Men came and cut down the tree.

by Bonnie Eisenstadt

**The Forest**

The forest is a very green place. It is a very beautiful place also. There are many animals in the forest. There are frogs, insects, mice, owls and more. The forest also has streams, rivers, and other bodies of water. Some streams and rivers give us natural spring water that we drink. The trees in the forest give us good air. The forest is just a great place to be!

by Steven Lechter

**The Forest**

There are lots of different kinds of forests. Some include Evergreen, Redwood, Aspen, and Lowland. All these forests can be found in the Mountain States Region. The states in the Region are Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Idaho and Montana. In the forest you can find lots of plants because they get a lot of rain and plants need rain to grow. There are also lots of animals because there are not roads so they can live in peace. We must protect our forests from pollution!

by Mara Schwartz

**How I Would Make Our Earth a Better Place**

I would like to keep endangered species in harmony. To do that I would make a gun law and it would say only shoot animals if you need to. I would also have more rain forests and more lakes too for more fish and manatees. I would make a law that would say Do not spear fish. I would also have more parks for animals' homes. This is how I would make the world a better place.

by Alexandra Vernon
The Worm Wormy

One day Mrs. Worm was about to have a baby worm. She was with her husband, Mr. Worm. Mr. and Mrs. Worm were very excited! Then Mrs. Worm went into the operating room. When she came out she had a baby worm in her hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Worm decided to name the baby worm "Wormy." His real birthday was May 17. By the time Wormy was two, he knew what school meant so he wanted to go to school. When he was four he got permission to go to school.

For the first day of school Wormy and Mrs. Worm went clothes shopping. The next day was the first day of school. Mrs. Worm packed Wormy his new backpack. Mrs. Worm inched with Wormy to school and they said good-bye.

Wormy said hello to his new teacher. He went to his new seat and sat down. In the morning he had reading group. In the afternoon he had math. He met some friends. He went home with them. He had a good time.

by Molly Adler

Bugs

Up! Down! All around!
There are bugs everywhere!
Left! Right! Turn out the light!
You will see fireflies glowing bright!
North! South! Look in your mouth!
There are little bacteria bugs!
Swish! Splash! Take a bath!
That should cut the bugs in half!

by Russell Kotch

Gator

Gator is my kitten,
He hisses and plays
And eats lots of Lays.
He's curious as can be
And plays with the keys,
But it doesn't matter to me,
'Cause Gator is my kitten.

by Michelle Kravit

Hillary's Little Pup-Pup

My little Pup-Pup is short and new.
My little Pup-Pup loves to chew.
She chews all day. She chews all night.
My little Pup-Pup is such a fright!
Her owner loves her. Her owner is me.
Sometimes she climbs into a little growing tree!
I love you, Pup-Pup!

by Hillary Schulman
Solve These Mysteries

The Spy

As I climbed aboard the train the lights went out. A suspicious looking character flew through the darkness. As the lights began to come on, peoples' luggage was missing. The people were frightened of the man. The called him "The Spy."

A man named Arnold Dwight said he saw the man go in Cabin 805. The door creaked open and no one was there. The conductor was mad because the witness lied. They went to look for him and looked in his cabin, 178. They found the missing luggage there. They arrested the man and the man learned a lesson. Never steal more than you can handle.

by R.J. Nacarato  Grade 4

The Train Ride

As I boarded the train I saw a suspicious looking man. He was tall with a black coat and brown scarf. On the train we ate food and we had a drink. I saw the man again. He had a dog in his hand. He said, "Hi" to me. I said "Hi" back and that was it. Then I got off the train and saw the man again. I went home and that was it.

by Travis Tammera  Grade 4

The Jewel Mystery

One of my mysteries is when I found the jewel of Quebec. It was about a week ago. It started when I was at my house and my pet scorpion gave me a message. It said that Jack stole the jewel.

Then I ran to Jack's hideout. The jewel was not there. I saw a note. It said: The jewel is not here but if you walk 13 steps you will see the jewel. So I walked 13 steps and I saw the jewel. I took it and ran. But behind me was Jack. My pet scorpion bit him and I called the police and the case was solved.

by Alex Angert  Grade 2

The Missing Tamigotchi

When the train pulled into the station I looked for my Tamigotchi. But it was nowhere in sight. So I looked again and I still couldn't find it. I got off the train and went home and thought perhaps I left it at home. I did not leave it at home. I was so upset. I woke up from my dream. I looked and my Tamigotchi was on my night stand!

by Torin Shur  Grade 4
Smile Days

On my vacation I went to the Bahamas with my cousins. We went knee boarding and wave boarding and water skiing. We played bumper pool. We went on the go carts. I got to drive. We went to the beach near our house. The boys found a crab. It died so they buried it underground. The boys and I went to someone’s property and drove on it. We had a fun time.

by Stephanie Page Grade 2

Friends

Toys are good but friends are better
Even in the rainy weather.
Friends try to make you feel better
When they write a friendly letter.
When my friends and I get into fights
I end up having terrible nights!
Jamie and Lindsey are my best friends
I hope our relationship never ends!
They lend you money when you need
They give you a bandage when you bleed.
This poem is just for you
But I only wrote one or two!

by Dana Matzkin Grade 4

Baseball Season

Baseball season has come,
Pop up ball, Look out!
Crash, Bang, Boom, Ow!
That was close.
Popcorn! Pass over here.
Crunch.
Mmmmm!
That’s good.
Sshh, it’s starting.
Wow, it’s a fireball.
It was a good game.

by Donny Knowles Grade 2

Summer

Summer is my favorite season
Because it is my birthday
And I can swim.
I love races because I win.
If I lose, it’s because I snoozed,
And if I did lose, summer
Would be a real bummer.

Alex Gordon Grade 2

In the summer I like to play in the sun.
I have fun at the pool,
And I get very cool.
I go to the beach and snorkel all day,
Hey, didn’t the time pass away?

by Joshua Behar Grade 2

I Like Fall

I like Fall,
I get to play ball,
I like to play ball outside,
And take my bike for a ride,
I like to watch the leaves fall down,
They fall from the top
and land on the ground.

by David Simon Grade 2

Summer Time

Summer is my favorite time
Because I don’t wait in carpool line.
I play with my friends
And it never ends.
I like to play at the park
Because I get to stay until dark.
I like to fish at the lake,
After that I eat my cake.
I like to play a sport
Until it’s time to pick up
My Grandpa Mort.
I like to paint
Until I faint.

by Zachary T. Perlman Grade 2
Valentine Critter Story

Suddenly one day my Valentine critter came alive. There was a hockey game going on. My Valentine critter ran out of my house and went to the hockey game. He scored ten goals for the Panthers.

When I realized that he ran away I went to the hockey game and I saw my Valentine critter. When I brought him home I built him a mini hockey arena and invited some friends over to watch him play hockey.

by Joseph Nathan Grade 1

The Leprechaun and the Man

Once upon a time there were a leprechaun and a man. The man saw the leprechaun and stared at him. The leprechaun said, "Look! A UFO!" The man said, "I don't care."

Then the leprechaun said, "Look! The Beach Boys!" "I don't care," said the man.

The leprechaun said, "Look! The Back Street Boys!" "Where? They are my favorite rock band!"

It was a trick! The leprechaun was gone!

by Alex Weiss Grade 2

Today is April Fool’s Day

April Fool’s Day is fun.
I get fooled by people.
I fool people too.
When I was walking into school,
Someone lied, Your shoes aren’t tied!
When I was watching a show on tv,
Someone said, You’re fooling me!
Once I was winning every b-ball game,
Someone came to my house.
He said, I’m sorry to stop your game,
I hope you read me loud and clear,
I think I see a bug in your ear,
That funny April Fool’s Day year.

by Andrew Sinkoe Grade 2

April Fool’s Poem

April Fool’s is the day of ghouls
Knock knock jokes to tell to folks.
Don’t harm folks with your happy jokes.
Play jokes all day
before the fun goes away.
Have a really fun day,
Today is April Fool’s Day.

April Fool’s poem

by Annie Gordon Grade 2

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Knock knock jokes to tell to folks.
Don’t harm folks with your happy jokes.
Play jokes all day
before the fun goes away.
Have a really fun day,
Today is April Fool’s Day.

Jokes and jokes from really fine folks.

by Andrew Merson Grade 2
Spring is the Thing

Spring Is Here

Spring is here and I can take a dip in the pool
When I do I bet it will make me feel cool.
Watch out for those spring showers,
You can also grow beautiful flowers.
No boring school for more than a week,
I might climb a mountain and reach the peak.
I will go to many different places,
I just might see new faces.

by Michelle Bejar Grade 5

Spring Poem

Spring is a time for fun and laughter
When Sleeping Beauty and the Prince
Lived happily ever after.
It is when the flowers will blossom,
The colors and patterns are really awesome.
Everything is radiant and bright,
Peeking through the trees are beams of light.
There are Spring sales at the mall,
Kids are running through sprinklers having a ball!
All the hibernating animals are wide awake,
Beautiful colors glimmer in the lake.
Everybody, do not fret,
Because Spring isn’t nearly over yet!

by Alison Wender Grade 5

Spring Time

There are busy bees and sprouting trees.
The sun is bright.
Wow, look at the beautiful sight!
There are living things and buzzing things.
It’s showery and flowery.
Don’t stay inside, play outside!
There are birds singing and schoolbells ringing.
It’s grassy and people dress up classy.
It’s hot outside so jump in the pool.
SPRING TIME RULES!

by Lauren Grunspan Grade 3

Spring

Spring is here,
Winter has passed.
Spring is here at last!
Flowers are blooming in meadows,
Birds are singing in trees.
Please don't pollute spring.

by Zachary S. Perlman Grade 2
Margaret Thatcher

Margaret Thatcher was born on Oct. 13, 1925 in Lincolnshire, England. She lived in a small apartment that had many pieces of furniture and was very cramped. She lived with her parents, grandmother, and her sister Muriel who was four years older. She loved listening to her grandmother’s advice and wisdom.

At first she became a research chemist but quickly changed to study law. Soon after studying law, her interest slipped to being a Prime Minister. She remembered running errands as a child for the Conservative Party and studying law made her want to do more. She was finally elected and was Prime Minister for many years.

She is out of office now and living a happy life. She is married and still in touch with the office. I liked reading about her because she is very interesting.

by Elana Schulman

Mr. Walt Disney

When Mr. Disney was young he and his dad would imagine how it would be if they could own a theme park. When he got older he decided to make that dream come true. He named it after himself. One night he was drawing, and drew thousands of circles. It looked like a wonderful cartoon character. He called it Mickey Mouse.

Disney's first movie was "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." His first television show was show in 1929 and was called "Steamboat Willy." It was the first cartoon that anyone had ever seen. He also produced "Pinocchio", "Dumbo", "Bambi", and "Alice in Wonderland." For more info go to your nearest library!

by Katie Packer

Henry Morrison Flagler

Henry Morrison Flagler is a very important person in our history. He was born on Jan. 12, 1830 in Hopewell, N.Y. When Henry was 14, he convinced his mother that he was old enough to take care of himself. He moved in with his brother Dan. When Henry got older he joined John D. Rockefeller in the Standard Oil Company, where he made all his money.

Henry had three wives. His third wife's name was Mary Lily Kenan Flagler and she liked music. Henry built a mansion called White Hall. They had two daughters and a son, but only the son lived a long life.

Henry Flagler built a railroad that leads all the way to Key West, Florida. He did this because Florida had a very small population. He also built hotels and resorts. Henry died at the age of 83. He was a very, very important person in Florida's history.

by Rory Roseman
The Gymnastic Princess

Once there was a princess named Tracy. Tracy lived in a big kingdom. Her father was old! He was 69, and her mother was 50. Tracy was a great gymnast. She was in level 10.

Tomorrow she was competing with the Georgia Gym Dogs. Tracy was the Florida Gators. Tomorrow came. She was on floor. Tracy got a score of a perfect 10. Tracy brought home the gold medal.

by Sara Merson Grade 1

Penguin Friends

Once there was a penguin and he had friends. He liked to play with them. They had fun playing a game called snow fight.

When the penguin grew up he and his wife had a baby. The baby’s name was Adam, and he had a brother. His big brother’s friends liked to play with him. The penguins wanted to go in a sled. They had fun sledding. They made a snowman. They made the snowman’s eyes and his nose and his mouth. They made a snow shovel and put the snow shovel in the snowman’s hand. They built a snow house. Every day they went in it. They played in it. They put their stuff in it, slept in it, and loved their house. They had a wonderful life and lived happily ever after.

by Kevin Hersh Grade 1

A Kiss in the Morning

Once upon a time there was a baby princess who was just born. The king and queen were very happy. When she was eighteen she settled off on her own. She always called her mother and father on the phone. One night she slept over her friend, the prince’s, house.

When the princess was sleeping a witch came. She put magic dust on the princess. Until a prince kissed her she will be asleep. In the morning the princess didn’t wake up. The prince kissed her. She said gogo. The witch! The prince won the fight and killed the witch. The prince kissed the princess again. And like always, the prince and princess got married and lived happily ever after.

by David Manella Grade 1

Happily Ever After

The Poor Clown

Once upon a time there was a clown. He lived outside. And he was very poor. He couldn’t sleep because the ground was hard. One night, a fairy came and sprinkled powder on him. Now he is rich. He has a big house. This is the end of the tale.

by Michael Packer Grade 1

My Perfect World

A perfect world to me would be a candy world! With cotton candy clouds, and ice cream sand. The ocean would be made of blueberry jello, and the trees would be cookies. The dirt would be crushed Oreos. The grass would be made of Warheads. The dust would be sugar. And that’s my perfect world.

by Annie Gordon Grade 2
Autographs

I'm the first dog in space

USA

I'm the first dog in space