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Dear Students, Parents and Faculty,

Welcome to Treasures and Dreams, the literary magazine of the Lower School. Our goal is to promote and encourage high quality written expression by our students. Judging by the submissions we receive, we feel very successful! Writing samples are submitted by classroom teachers for consideration by the editorial staff of students and myself. We look for creativity and clarity in written expression that is grade-appropriate or above. Reading the submissions is always enjoyable! We wish we could publish each one.

The students on the staff are recommended by classroom teachers for their artistic ability and responsibility. They produce all illustrations, have input into materials selected for publication, and help with editing. It has been a pleasure working with each of them this term. They are a talented group of young people. Thanks to all staff members for your contributions to this project.

Perhaps you noticed the new look of this issue. Thank you, Dr. Brennan, Lower School Director, for encouraging us to use color for our cover. We love the way it looks!

Finally, to all students at the Lower School, we encourage you to keep writing. Whether it is a poem, creative story, or personal narrative, put your best effort into it. You may find your story or poem published in the next issue of Treasures and Dreams!

Sincerely,

Nancy Cantor, Editor

Front cover designed by Eric Jackowitz.
All illustrations by Treasures and Dreams Staff.
Marvelous Music

The Sound of Music

Music is a really great sound,
People listen to it all around,
I like to play the violin,
As it rests upon my chin,
The flute sounds very nice,
When Peter Piper played
he was followed by mice,
I like music and I hope you do too,
It is enjoyed by people like me and you.

by Lauren Weiss Grade 5

The Meaning of Music

Just hearing music is soothing to me,
And when you listen you will see,
That music really comes from the heart,
Even if you only play or hear one part.
I listen to music every day,
I dance to it in every way,
I am sure music means a lot to you,
It means a lot to me too.

by Jenna Rosenfeld Grade 5

The Composers

Music can be very strong,
Wagner's can be louder than a gong,
Vivaldi's is more toward the quiet side,
But he can still take you on a wild ride.
Mozart's is kind of soft and mellow,
But Beethoven's sounds like a loud bellow,
Finally, Bach and the Goldberg Variation,
Can really raise your expectation!

by Nelson Love Grade 5

I Love Music

The sound of an orchestra makes me cry,
It brings joy to my heart
and I don't know why.
I love a musical score from a
Broadway play,
I could listen to the soundtrack
every day,
I'm taking lessons to dance and sing,
Music is involved in everything.
Music can be anything, cats meowing
or lions roaring,
Without music my life would be boring.

by Alex Weisman Grade 5
School is Cool

I Like Second Grade

Second grade is special
in a really special way,
Mathematics and discovery
Really make my day.
I have fun in computer,
I have fun every day!
Everyone is nice, everyone is kind,
Everyone understands
if I'm not feeling so fine.
The teachers are great,
They are really fun,
People are kind, people are nice,
People are sweet in school.

by Alexa Peretz  Grade 2

The Day of Open House

Once upon a time there were two
children named Jennifer and Julie. They
were riding their bikes around the block.
Then they were saying yes because they
were having Open House. But then they
remembered they had to go to Hebrew
School. They solved their problem. They
just went to Hebrew School first.

by Jenny Dweck  Grade 1

Books, Books

Books, books, I love to read,
They're educational and something I need,
Books, books, they're fun to read,
If you read them you'll succeed.
Books, books, from here to there,
Books, books, they're everywhere.
I read books when I am sort of bored,
For having books I thank the Lord,
If you come into my room
you won't believe your eyes,
I have books everywhere,
and I am telling no lies.
I read books in my special chair,
Sometimes when I get into it
I think I'm there.
Now you know how much fun books can be,
They're more educational
than watching T.V.
If you read at least a book a week,
I promise you a good future you will seek,
Some people think that books are a bore,
But when you start enjoying them,
You'll read more and more.
Some books are short,
some books are long,
Some are perfect, soothing as a song.
Think of a book that best suits you,
And go to a library
and check out a book or two.

by Jenna Rosenfeld  Grade 5
Halloween Horrors

Spooky Scary Halloween

I went to a Halloween party last night. The house was very dark. We could only see the moon. I wore a spooky skeleton costume. Other kids were dressed as pumpkins. We went out to trick-or-treat at midnight. I saw an owl. I dropped my candy and ran as fast as I could! I saw a jack-o-lantern and a spider and a black cat. I like when it is time for the fall harvest because I know the magic of Halloween is soon to come.

by Michael Fishman

The Two Eyes

Once upon a time it was a very dark Halloween night. It didn't really matter because there was a full moon. In an old house there lived a little man named Sam. Sam was scared of everything especially Halloween because he was superstitious.

It was almost midnight and Sam went to bed. When Sam got in bed he saw two eyes at the end of the bed. Sam got his rubber bands and snapped them at the eyes but when the rubber bands hit, Sam screamed. Those eyes were his big toes!

by Kelsey Miller-Alfero

Surprise

Daffodil Mary was walking down London's streets when a young man stopped her on the road. "He's going to kill you!" he whispered. Then he ran down the street. She just stood there gaping. After that she hurried home.

When Daffodil got home, she looked through the calendar to find a date that someone might want to kill her. Halloween was tomorrow! She tried not to panic. "It may be just a joke," she kept telling herself.

The next afternoon, she stayed extremely close to her mother. She stayed indoors all day. That night, she watched lots of kids in costumes. All of a sudden, she heard a voice cry, "Surprise!" She whirled around and a man shot a gun. Down she fell. That was the end of Daffodil. Are you going trick-or-treating next year?

by Elana Schulman

The Ghost and the Witch

One day a ghost went trick-or-treating. He got the most candy. Then he saw a witch over his head. He ran to tell his friends. He didn't know the witch was kind. She looked mean but she was not. She was the nicest witch in the world. She loved everything in the world too. The ghost came out to say hi. They went trick-or-treating together.

by Rachel Lazarus
Doomed!

It was a beautiful day. I was sitting on a branch of my favorite tree. All of a sudden I was falling, falling. "Aahhh!" Darkness, then light, burned my eyes. I was blinded for a moment in this dim light. Then I was back on a tree, not the same tree. This was a dreary one. I had entered into the Land of Darkness. Here there was no light but the light from candles and a dim purple light. Wait! Creatures were gathering around me, witches, monsters, ghouls everywhere. Some with knives, some with bare hands or paws, some with magic items. I could feel the power emanating from them. I imagined I could fly away and I did, but I wasn't done yet. I went through the hole I came from and I was back on my tree, but now they were in my world, and we were DOOMED!

by Brendan Blase Grade 5

The Witch

October 31 is the spooky night when they put spiders on the walls. There are a lot of children but there's a witch called Owl. She comes every midnight and takes kids that are wearing orange and black costumes and kids that do magic. When it is dark more and more witches come out. They all put spells on the kids and turn them into more witches.

by Adam Bernstein Grade 2

Halloween is a time when you can get dressed up, Doesn't matter what you'll be, Ghost, goblin or pup, Trick-or-treating really is a ball, Snickers, chocolate, and Twizzlers are really quite small, Little tales, shrieks and wails, Things that haunt you in the night, Oh how they scare you and give such a fright. Dracula is the one that's having the fun, Boos and cries from the graveyard, Sending notes to people with bad behavior, Saying, I am watching you within the night, Scaring you with all my might. Ghosts and goblins come out tonight, For it wasn't the spider that gave you a fright, So if you see a weird-looking man, Turn around and run as fast as you can.

by Doren-Elyse Marquit Grade 5
There was a very spooky house,
And inside the house there was a mouse,
And a witch, a goblin, a ghost or two,
Watch them all cook their brew.
All of the kids came and asked for candy,
The ghosts and goblins thought this could be handy.
They took all the kids and put them in a pot,
Boy those things can eat a lot!

by Russell Kotch

Nima, Jordan, Billy and Jason. Boy those things can eat a lot!

by Amanda Samuels

Once upon a midnight scary,
There lived a monster, he was really hairy.
He lived in a haunted house,
With bats, ghouls, and a mouse.
No one was brave enough to destroy this beast,
Because he brought fear, horror and deceased.
Only four kids were brave enough to face him,
They were Nima, Jordan, Billy and Jason.
They walked to the house, secretly in a fright,
"Come on," Jason said, "We have a monster to fight."
Their hands were numb and their legs were cold,
They looked at the house, it was really old.
They searched for the monster in the house,
From up to down, they only found an old blouse.
"But wait," Nima said, "The monster's there!"
As they went to look closer Jordan tripped on a stair.
They got even closer and it was almost night,
They went to the room and almost fainted in fright,
"Oh, no!" they said, looking at him there,
He had red eyes, and really big hair.
"AHHHH" they screamed, running away,
"He got me," said Billy, becoming the monster's prey,
Billy disappeared forever, never again to be seen,
So that's the end of my fearful story of Halloween.

by Nima Tahmassebi

Once there was a haunted house but no one really believed it was haunted. On Halloween everyone came to the haunted house because they had the most candy. A vampire lived in the haunted house. When the trick-or-treaters got there the vampire tried to eat them but they ran home.

by Amanda Samuels

So that's the end of my fearful story of Halloween.
Turkey Time

Pilgrim Talk

I am a Pilgrim. I just crashed into Plymouth. We are having a big feast. We are having turkey and other foods. Squanto helped us with our harvest. After Thanksgiving Squanto was a good friend. We are glad we have freedom.

by J.D. Odom Grade 2

Recipe for Turkey With Fruit Stuffing

I am going to tell all cooks out there how to make a turkey with fruit stuffing. First, you have to go to the store and get a seven pound turkey and buy seven different fruits. The best choices are five berries, cantaloupe, and grapes. Then, you have to cut the turkey and stuff it with the fruit. Set the stove to 360 and time it for three hours. After that, you have to put all the juices from the fruit on the bottom of the turkey. Later, when the three hours are up, cut the turkey for the people you have there. Then spoon the juice on the plates. After that, take all the left over fruits and put them on the dinner plates. Finally, everybody eats and enjoys their dinners. Thank you all cooks for listening!

by Barbra Giourgas Grade 4

The Talking Turkey

One day my mom and I were going to get a turkey from the farmer. I saw the perfect one. And then it started to rain, so we went inside the farm. But I bought one. We took it home. It could talk, so we did not eat him. So we bought another one.

by Doug Spechler Grade 1

The Runaway Turkey

One day my dad and I went to go get a turkey. It was time to eat the turkey! The turkey was alive. He begged me not to eat him. We sold him. We had $100.

by Alec Zavell Grade 1

Old-Fashioned Turkey Recipe

First you go to a good turkey environment. Then you shoot a turkey and go back home. Next you get a fire going and pluck the turkey naked. After that you put the turkey on the fire. After the turkey has been on the fire for a while put some vegetables in with the turkey. While the turkey is cooking put some seasoning on it. After it is golden brown put the fire out. Congratulations! You have a turkey!

by Max Kligerman Grade 4
Holiday Happenings

A Time to Remember

The holiday season means many things to me. It brings happiness to family and friends. We light candles and decorate trees. It is a time to celebrate and to appreciate what we have, like shelter, family, friends, good health, peace and happiness. Sometimes we forget about all of these things and just want presents. So as you begin the holiday season remember what the holidays really mean to you!

by Jeffrey Metzger

The Snowman

Once upon a time there was a boy named Tim. He always wanted to make a snowman. But there was no snow where he lived. One time it snowed. He was very happy. He made snowballs, forts, and a great snowman. He made it by himself. It was very big. He showed his mom. She loved it. But one day it stopped snowing. Tim was very sad when he didn’t see his snowman. But next year the snowman came back and he was happy again. And they lived a happy life. The snowman loved the boy. So every winter the snowman will visit the boy and he will be happy. And that day will be Christmas.

by Devon Goldberg

New Year’s

The New Year is a special time,
Voices fill the air,
Sleigh bells and snow jingle with care,
The dove flies above
With a peaceful song of love,
Glistening in night light
Is the moon shining bright,
Butterflies fly in the air,
Where they’ll go I do not know where.
The winter is great
Because you get to skate,
But here it’s just fun in the sun.

by Adam Orshefsky

Christmas Night

The trees are green,
The lights are bright,
Now it’s time to say good night,
I wake up when it’s dark outside,
I see one, I see two, I see three and more,
You knew it was Christmas night,
So I open one and I open two, I open three and more, what a sight!
Let’s play with the toys until it’s dark,
And then we’ll sleep,
Let’s have some fun
With memories to keep,
Until we sleep and wait for the sun,
And wait for Mr. Claus, he’s the one.

by Jessica Borushok
Fantasy Fun

Beanstalk

I looked out my window and to my surprise,
A giant beanstalk in front of my eyes,
With beans as big as Tallahassee,
And leaves like Florida state.
What do I see? Could it really be?
I went outside to see what it was,
Or if it was really there,
Why me? Was it really fair?
I climbed the beanstalk to the top,
And then I heard a sudden plop!
I peeked out to see what it was,
And then I saw little brown paws,
Fluffy, my kitten, had seen it first,
Oh, there were troubles, it got worse!
How would I get down?
A magic lake had appeared,
I would drown!
I started climbing all the way,
But then the beanstalk it did sway!
I fell way down, down to the ground!
Then I awoke from my dream,
I heard no screech, no sudden scream,
I was safe, safe in bed,
I heard not a thing, nothing tread,
Then I slept safe in bed!

by Lonnie Kurlander Grade 4

Dreams

Birthday dreams, holiday dreams,
Your dreams, my dreams,
Good dreams, bad dreams,
Colored dreams, black and white dreams,
Scary dreams, not-so-scary dreams,
You dream, I dream,
Do you like dreams? I do.

by Stephanie Robin Grade 2

The Girl and the Pirate Look for Gold

Once upon a time there was a girl called Julie and a pirate. The pirate took Julie to look for gold. They found an island. They stopped. They fell in a pirate trap. Now they knew bad pirates were there, so they were very careful.
Then they saw pirates. The pirates took them in a cage. The pirates took the map. Then they let them go. Now they were in big trouble because they didn't have a map. But they did remember the picture of the map, so they went past a lake, then they saw gold. The bad pirates saw them. They were mad. Then they said, "Let's share it."

by Scott Nelson Grade 1

The Little Girl and the Dragon

Once upon a time there was an egg. A little girl saw the egg. She brought it home and she did not let her mom see it. Whenever her mom left the room the little girl would check on the egg and study it. She would see if the egg was hatching. She wanted it to hatch. One day it hatched and it was a dragon! She was terrified. She did not think that dragons existed.

by Lauren Watine Grade 1
Read All About It

It's Super Bowl Sunday and the Vikings are playing the Broncos in Denver. Denver is in the lead. The score is 14 to 21 and the Vikings just scored. Now it is the Broncos' ball. John Elway threw to Terrell Davis and he caught the ball and ran for a touchdown. Denver is still leading. The Vikings' ball is a handoff to Warren Moon. He ran 20 yards and he got tackled at the 5 yard line and they hand off to Warren Moon again. This time he scored. John Elway threw a bomb to Shannon Sharp. It is a 30 yard pass in the air. He got tackled and the game is almost over. Vikings could get the lead. Randy Moss is running 50-40-30-20-10-5.

The Missing Marc McGwire Ball

Once a guy named Quake had a baseball. It was signed by Marc McGwire. One day there was a robber in Quake's house. The robber looked for the baseball and he found it! He ran out the door and he had the baseball with him. Then he said, "I am good, very good." When Quake woke up, he saw his baseball was gone. He said, "I thought I heard something walking around." Quake went around and asked people to stamp their feet. The last one was the robber. Quake said, "Give me the ball now!" "I don't have your baseball." "Then what is this??? Arrest him!"

Vikings are at the 5 yard line. The pass by Hayden Sandler to Randy Moss is a touchdown and the Vikings are in the lead. Terrell Davis caught the ball. Three more minutes in the game. It is the Vikings' ball. It is a throw to Randy Moss, no, interception by Terrell Davis, running all the way. Touchdown! The Broncos win the game.

Freezing Fighting

Snowballs, snowballs everywhere, On the ground and in the air, Snowball, snowball, don't hit me, I will build a snowman to protect me. An icy sword is in his hand, His shield stronger than a marching band, Too bad he has no brain to see, How is he going to protect me?

Keeping Your Body Healthy

The important thing is good attitudes, About daily life and choosing foods. Refusal to smoke sure is smart, It will keep your lungs clean, and a working heart. Possession of drugs is against the law, Substance abuse is also a flaw. Prescriptions only is the way to go, Otherwise drowsiness can make you slow. You could get depressed and feel really bad, These influences will make you terribly sad. Stimulants are also a negative thing, Permission to take them is part of a sting.

by Bennie DeSalvo Grade 1

by Donny Knowles Grade 3

by Hayden Sandler Grade 2

by Jonathan Pines Grade 5
Super Heroes

My fictional hero is called the Dream Man. He goes into your dream at night and tells you what it means. He tells you if it's good that there is nothing to worry about. If it's bad he doesn't tell you. He watches you until something bad happens. If something bad really happens he fights until he wins. He has powers like lasers, strength, and he can fly. When he saved the president he got a reward, and it was a trip to Hawaii. It was what he always wanted. He's a great fictional hero.

by Sarah Forman  Grade 4

Lizard Man

Lizard Man is half lizard half man. He has red eyes and his teeth are really sharp. When he turns into a lizard his eyes turn bright red like flashlights. His ears disappear and his nose gets really long.

One day Lizard Man was walking around his house and all of a sudden the robber alarm went off. Lizard Man jumped into his special car and took off. He went to the police station to see what the problem was. It was a robber. He just robbed three banks and he was looking for another one.

Lizard Man went to the rescue. He found the robber and secretly followed him. Then the bad guy pulled over at a bank. Lizard Man wrestled him to the ground. Hooray! Lizard Man caught the robber!

by Eric Weiss  Grade 4

Diaper Baby

One day Diaper Baby woke up and went outside. He heard a girl yelling for help. Diaper Baby ran to find her. She was yelling because her dog fell in the sewer. So Diaper Baby told her that he could get the dog out in no time. Diaper Baby jumped in. He landed on a man who was working in the sewer. He saw the dog. He grabbed the dog and flew up with the dog in his hand. Then he gave the dog back to the girl. The girl gave him a hug and ran home with her dog.

by Taylor Wollek  Grade 4

My Dad is Special

My dad is special because he helps me with everything I need help with. My dad is also funny. He loves to play with me. I like to play with him too. My dad and I are just like each other. We even have the same favorite number. He's my best friend in the world.

by Andrew Sinkoe  Grade 3
Bird Poems

The Blue Jay
The blue jay is blue like the sky and the sea,
They sing their hearts out for you and for me,
The friend of the cardinal, the sparrow, the wren,
The blue jay is certainly oh, my best friend.

Cardinals
Cardinals are merry and scarlet and bright,
They sing all day and sleep through the night,
They soar in the sky with beauty and grace,
Their wings are the color of your red, embarrassed face.

Turtle Doves
Turtle doves, turtle doves, perched in a tree,
Their eyes are the color of the sky and the sea,
Turtle doves, turtle doves, perched in a tree,
One for you and one for me.

by Bonnie Eisenstadt

Colors

The sky is blue as the clouds float around,
The hot burning fire is love red,
The grass is green as it rubs against the trees,
The dandelions are white as they sway around the earth,
The stars are yellow as they shine very bright,
Rainbows are colorful as their beautiful colors shine through the earth.

by David Manella

Shining Moon Light

In the dark you shine so bright
With your shining moon light,
Do I wish I could fly up in the sky,
With you by my side!

by Alexa Peretz

A Little Walk in the Park

Take a little walk in the park,
From sunrise to dark,
Hear the birds sing their songs,
Stay there for very long,
Take a little walk in the park,
See the flowers glisten,
And you must listen,
To nature’s sounds,
Take a little walk in the park.

by Brittany Finder

The Desert

Chihuahuan, Painted, and Sonoron,
All are deserts in the Southwest,
It’s hard to survive there,
But the animals are trying their best,
You can’t see, but animals are all around,
Some building burrows underground,
Some are nocturnal, you can see,
They are not like you and me.

by Myles Karp
Times to Remember

Parasailing

It was great when I went parasailing. Parasailing is when you go on a boat and they hook you on this parachute. Then the boat goes fast and you zoom up in the air! It's a great feeling to be so high. It's so much fun! I went 600 or so feet high. When I looked down it looked kind of scary! When I got back on the boat, I felt like I wanted to do it a hundred times more! It's really great! Parasailing sure is neat!

by Julie Buzgon

My Trip to London

I went to London to visit my brother because he went to study abroad for six months. When I got there we ate lunch with him. I was so excited to see him. First we went to Buckingham Palace, the Victoria Statue, and Victoria Park. The next day I went to the Tower of London. It was so cool! Then we went shopping and we all got cool clothes. I had a great time in London! I hope my brother goes back to London so I can visit. I really love London!

by Jackie Dolinsky

A Worried Family

One day I was rollerblading and I went inside and I started playing on the computer. I didn't know what time it was. It really was time for dinner. Then my family finished eating and started to look for me. They called everybody in the neighborhood! After that they called the guard gate and my friends' houses but I wasn't anywhere. Then I finally went outside and I saw my mom. She started to cry and I felt really bad.

by Billy Blumberg

My First Hurricane

When I was three Hurricane Andrew was coming. I watched my dad put wood over the windows. We put wood over almost every window. When the hurricane came, I did not know what a hurricane was. The windows were making noise. My parents were worried. I did not know why. I thought a T-Rex was shaking my house. I hid under a table and covered my eyes. The noise was like the T-Rex walking. That was my first hurricane.

by Ricky Doetsch
Friends Forever

Friends

Friends are special, so important they make the world go round,
We like helping one another in school or on the playground,
Friends are there to help each other when one is feeling sad,
Being friends is very special,
Be a friend and you will be glad.

by Danny Crispino  Grade 2

A Day at Hallie’s House

One day I was walking and I met a girl. Her name was Alex. She was nice.
She can over my house. We were having fun. We also went in a pool. My other friend stopped by for dinner. Alex had to go home. So my other friend slept over. Her name was Danielle. We had a great time at the sleepover.

by Hallie Grumer  Grade 1

Friendship

Friendship is a lot of fun,
Friendship is for everyone!
Friendship makes you feel good inside,
Friendship is somewhat like a slide.
If you go up you make a friend,
If you go down you lose them.
I like friends, I bet you do too,
If you be my friend I’ll be yours too!

by Jonathan Schwartz  Grade 3

How My Friend and I Got Together

One school morning my mom went to pick up Danny. When Danny got into the car she said, “Sammy, stop talking” but then Danny started singing and I said, “Danny stop.” She didn’t stop. I then said, “Danny, be quiet.” She still didn’t be quiet. Then I told her this was the last time, “Danny, be quiet.” Then she finally stopped. Then I said, “Thank you.” She said, “You’re welcome.” Then we got back together and we hugged each other.

by Sammie Greissman  Grade 1
Staff members work in the Media Center on Friday afternoons.