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Dear Students, Parents, and Faculty,

“Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world as if they were not familiar.” Percy Bysshe Shelley

Inside these pages, you will find writing that helps us all discover the hidden beauty of the world. Our student writers have written about familiar things in their lives, such as the ocean, trees, animals, the sun, clouds, flowers, and people. As we read, we experience these things through their eyes, and these everyday objects seem fresh and new. This is the power of the written word.

For the past nine years, Treasures and Dreams has touched the lives of many of our students, both the artists who have worked on the staff, and the writers who have had their pieces published. It has been the mission of this publication to encourage and inspire the students at University School to strive for excellence in their written expression. As you read this issue, I believe you will find we have succeeded.

I would like to extend a special thank-you to my student staff for this session. From drawing the illustrations and covers, to listening to all the pieces submitted, to cutting and organizing the illustrations, you always responded with great enthusiasm. You were a cooperative, responsible, and talented crew, and it has been a pleasure working with you.

Thank you also to the dedicated efforts of the classroom teachers who make the ongoing commitment to teach writing to our students. Thanks to Dr. Brennan for her continued support of this project.

To our student writers, I encourage you to continue writing over the summer. Observe the world around you thoughtfully and carefully. There is much beauty if we open our eyes, ears, and hearts to it. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Cantor, Editor

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Amazing Animals

Butterfly

A dainty butterfly runs past lakes and rivers, gliding through the air as fast as it can go. It lands delicately on a slender plant and then it softly starts drifting again. Its shadow follows it into the sunset.

Hannah Phillips  Grade 2

Beautiful Black Wonder

Within the jungle is a wonderful creature in her black coat. Through the leaves she dashes. Over the bushes she leaps. Past the lake she speeds. Around the trees she creeps. Jumping high over the rocks as if she were flying. Underneath the beautiful sky, Toward the lush and grassy ground, To her home she goes. Now the beautiful panther can rest.

Brittany Panzer  Grade 4

Seagulls

If I were any animal, I would be a seagull. When it would be time to eat, I would fly away into the gleaming sunset and dive down into the sparkling water. I would scoop up a fish and slowly swallow it. I would play tag with other seagulls. When it was winter, I would fly south. That is what I would do if I were a seagull.

Jean Bougeois  Grade 3

The Magical Fly

Once there was a magical fly who could do whatever he wanted to do. One day, he lost his magic by an evil witch. He looked everywhere, but he couldn't find it. Finally, he found the witch and sent her away. The fly got his magic back. The fly was so happy and returned home. He flew around whistling and doing good deeds for people.

Gabi Harf-Levy  Grade 1

My Cat Heidi

My dad said, "Heidi was a cat with nine lives." We did every single thing we could do to keep her alive. We brought her to the vet when she suffered. Heidi gave me some kisses before I left. The doctor checked her heart and said Heidi was dead.

I got to pick the place we would bury Heidi. I picked the spot in the middle of the property, so that she could see all the beautiful land around her. My dad and Pepaw buried her. I wish I could have said good-bye one more time. I miss Heidi so much. I will never forget her.

Sara Lynn Bowden  Grade 2

Puppies

Puppies are playful, there is no doubt. Sometimes they're sneaky, but they never pout! Oh, so cute, they're a girl's best friend. You can play with them until time ends!
Special People and Places

The Shadow Maiden
She walked upon the grass, soared across the skies, the sun was shining bright, too bright to look at with eyes, She loved to see them pass, The children would whisper and sass, The sun was brighter and brighter Brighter than all other days, The shadow maiden was there, Working in glorious ways.
Then one day after it was rainy, The skies were very dark, That was the day the shadow maiden Disappeared from the peaceful park.

Tatiana Cabral  Grade 5

Love
Love is like a river that can’t be stopped.
Love is a spring garden, Blossoming in the whistling breeze. Love is as important as your schoolwork. Love is a present from God, And so are my parents, a gift to me!

Emily Baer  Grade 4

Katie’s Second Birthday Party
This week my sister Katie turned two years old. My sister had her birthday at a fun gym. My brother invited one friend and I invited two friends. Our uncle, aunt, and other people came to the party too. There were lots of activities to do, like rock climbing and playing basketball. Then circle time came, and we sang the happy birthday song and played a game. Finally it was time to eat! Then it was time to go home. We gave out the party favors and packed up the car with lots of presents. Katie was so happy with all of her presents! It was a great party!

Matthew Lyn  Grade 2

If I Were an Astronaut
If I were an astronaut, Soaring through space, Jumping on the moon, Flying a rocket, Discovering new planets, If I were an astronaut, Working with mission control, Becoming a hero, This is my job, 5...4...3...2...1...BLAST OFF!

Josh Mizels  Grade 4

Dedicated to Mom
Nothing more than words can say Happy Mother’s Day. You shine like the sun and glow like the moon.
This holiday will come back soon. So wait with patience, kindness and love, Mother’s Day will soon fall from above.

Andrew Heller  Grade 1

Sarah Peretz  Grade 2
Beach Bash

The Life Underneath
Underneath the ocean lies a life
similar to ours
Beyond the depths of the sea lie the
creatures of the deep
Between the coral every day
a new life begins
Among the shrimp are hungry sharks
Behind the seaweed are busy crabs
Except for the lonely snail
off at the coral reef.

Cassie Epstein Grade 4

Nature at the Beach
The salt water washes onto the shore
Seagulls fly low scavenging for food
Fish zip through the water
Dolphins dance and play
In deeper water, whales jump,
Catch their breaths and fall back in
In the cloudless sky the sun shines
Black birds fly high over the sand,
Boats are out at sea,
Children make sand castles
along the shore
Adults jog near the sidewalk
People meditate near the water,
Beach balls fly through the air,
People lay on beach towels
Soon the fun is over and people leave
The moonlight shines
on the glistening water.

Nitish Kapur Grade 5

A Day in the Sea
A very big shark was noisily barking.
Then there was a squid,
hers name was Sid.
They took a walk in the ocean
in a very steady motion.
The shark and the squid feel like an eel.
The shark and the squid
drink tea in the sea.
The shark saw a fish in a dish.
Then they heard the whale flap its tail.
The shark, the squid, and the eel
are blue with the flu.
A big ship tipped into the sea
with the squid, the shark, and the eel.

Zachary Meles Grade 4

At the Beach
I walk through the beach as the
sand squishes my feet. The waves
crash into each other. I hear the birds
coming through. The beautiful trees
dance along the beach, while the birds
are having fun chirping and flying.

Joely Ostrow Grade 2

The Ocean
The warm ocean falls upon me. It
swirls on me like a coat. Saltiness dazzles
around. The ocean gazes at me. The
ocean is my favorite place. It has more
water than a swimming pool. I love the
oceans. They are so peaceful.

Shrina Zaveri Grade 3

My dad and I were on our way to
Key Largo. When we got there, we
unpacked our suitcases. Then we went
to the beach. The sand was as white as
the clouds. The water was bright and
blue like the sky. My dad and I rented a
jet ski. We went so fast through the
giant waves. We had a great time. I
can't wait to do it again!

Noah Blum Grade 2
Food Favorites

The Barbeque
I could smell the delicious steak on the barbecue. When it was dinnertime, I smelled the steak and could not wait to eat it. I was so hungry. But sometimes you have to wait. When I got the steak, I immediately took the steak sauce and poured it on my plate. I picked up my fork and cut it with my knife. I put the steak in my mouth. It was delicious.

Benjamin Machini Grade 2

Cooking Turkey
Boom! I hear my mom cooking in the kitchen. I smell the delicious scent that fills the air. My stomach starts growling. It is the best smell, which fills my nose. I try to stop thinking about food, but I am too hungry. The scent of the turkey is crispy and wonderful. The aroma spins around me. The fragrance starts dancing in the air. Finally the turkey is done. I start eating all the turkey. The hot smoke comes down. It was the BEST!

Rebecca Kosar Grade 2

Apples
Apples, apples, what a treat,
Sweet and sour and good to eat.
Apples red, apples green,
apples yellow too.
Granny Smith, Fuji, Golden Delicious and Gala too.
Apples are good, apples are great,
Don’t take mine,
Get your own or say good-bye!

Daniella Pacitti Grade 3

The Cookie Jar
I tried to reach the cookie jar,
But it was just way too far.
I asked my mom to reach it for me,
She just glared and said,
“You’re too lazy!”
I begged and pleaded down on my knees.
Mom just said, “Go get some cheese!”
I knew that I could find a way,
But maybe I’ll save it for another day.

Ian Besner Grade 4

Hot Chocolate
The hot chocolate fills the air with its sweet smell. Everyone gathers together waiting to get the sweet hot chocolate. They run into the kitchen and sit down. “Whip cream, yum, yum!” says Jakob. Matthew sighs and says, “This is wonderful!” Then my mom and Jakob yell, “Yes, yes, yes!”

Carli Sontag Grade 2

Cinquain
Soda
Dark, bubbly
Crackling, moving, fizzing
Tasty in your mouth
Coke

Vikram Pothuri Grade 4
The Sky Above

Eshani Patel  
Grade 5

If I Were...
If I were a shooting star
I'd glide in the sky
If you looked up at night you might
Just see me flying high
I'd shine upon the Earth
with my sparkly glow
If you listened really close,
You could hear me whisper hello.
I'd shine with all my might
The moon would help me shine at night
If you made a wish, it might come true
Maybe it won't, well that's up to you**

Nicole Phillips  
Grade 4

Beaming Light

The fiery sun
Beams fierce rays
through the cloudy morning sky
it makes me crumple
into a hundred
tiny wrinkles.

Brian Herskovitz  
Grade 2

Morning Sky

The bright glazing orange
sprinkles from the sun, shattering into
the clear blue sky. A wonderful breeze
sweeps past me and keeps on going.
While I walk past some houses, I see
the birds fluttering their wings toward the
colors of the beautiful sky. When I look
at the sky, I see the puffy clouds shifting
away from me.

Sydney Silberman  
Grade 3

Star
Inside it shines
Outside it glows
Near the moon
In space
Through the galaxy
Above the earth
Past Mars
Until night
It stays unseen
The shining star

Blake Egozi  
Grade 4

Sunset
It lays on the world wide blanket,
Sinking down every second now
  All it does is stare
While the birds sing quietly
When the wind roars
When the trees sway from back to forth
Even when water reaches the air
  Then night will soon come
and end the scene
When we will have to wait
For the next evening to come

Ericka Gulke  
Grade 3

Clouds
Clouds are so soft and bouncy.
They ride across the sky as they change
to different things. They look like cotton
candy as they float through the blue sky.
They look so puffy and fat. They bring
up rain and sometimes thunderstorms.
Some shapes look like things that we
use. Clouds are everywhere in the sky.
Clouds are above me when I walk and
run. Clouds are so smooth in the air.
The Earth Below

The Valley
Down in the mountainous gorge,  
tall grass blows breezily in the wind.  
Up the steep hills,  
Down the rocky slopes.  
In the colossal mountains  
the wind soars.  
Through the narrow river fish swim.  
In the grass flowers bloom,  
In the air trees loom,  
This all happens  
in the valley.

Matthew Taxis  Grade 4

A Moment in Time
The foamy silky sea brushes  
upon the shore.  I walk slowly out of  
the ocean.  The rough sand presses against  
my skin.  I look down and I am as red as  
a tomato.  I walk over to my dad.  He  
asks, “Do you want to build a sand  
castle?” I sit down and start to build.  I  
gently scoop up sand and pat it until it’s  
flat.  An hour goes by and we’re almost  
finished.  Just a flag and we are done.  The sun is setting and it’s getting dark.  We stand, brush ourselves off, and  
quietly begin to pack up our things.

Brennan Shechtman  Grade 2

Earth Day
Earth Day is coming up.  We  
need to treat Earth with respect.  We  
need to keep Earth clear as a crystal  
and keep it clean for our kids when we  
are older, like 36.  Earth gave us a  
home to live here.  We need to do the  
best we can do on Earth Day.  Cans,  
plastic, and paper need to be recycled.  
We all need to take care of Earth even if  
it’s not Earth Day.

Christina Serrato  Grade 3

Mother Nature
Over the icy glaciers,  
Past the green-grassed hill,  
Behind the wild forests,  
Near the crystal clear ponds of blue,  
Around the dry deserts,  
Under the rich black soil,  
Upon the unrevealed questions of Earth,  
Off to her job to feed  
and nourish our world.

Carley Pucci  Grade 4

Alaska
Where else on a cold, dark night  
Can you see the beauty  
of the Northern Lights?  
When you gaze upon the Aura Borealis  
You feel as if you are in  
an outside palace.  
Sitting on the sled, feeling the dogs trod  
Knowing they’re practicing  
for the Iditarod!  
There is no rush, I only wish to dally  
As I wonder at the majesty of Denali.

Evan Neustater  Grade 4

Daisy
Lonely daisy stands tall  
Shining in the sun so bright  
Shimmering all day

Hillary Gabriele  Grade 4
Color My World

Red

Red, burning, angry and furious
The red hot flaming fire
burning through the town
Heat rays of the hot sun
Burning up crops, fire thrashing through
the cities, destroying everything
in its way, the red berries on fire,
the red rubies destroyed by madness
and anger.

Dylan Bornstein  Grade 4

Blue

Blue is an ocean
Hissing and crashing against the rocks
Blue is the graceful bluebird
Tweeting on my windowsill
Blue is my beautiful bathing suit
Swimming quickly through the water
Blue is the quiet summer night
Drifting you off to sleep.

Hadley Knapp  Grade 4

Green

Green is grass
Swaying in the wind
Green is a little iguana
Hunting for dinner
Green is an emerald
Shimmering in the sun
Green is Miss Liberty's rust
Welcoming immigrants
from many lands.

Avi Colonos  Grade 4

White

White is the cold snow
Falling gracefully to the ground
White is the fluffy clouds
That drift through the sky
White is a pale ghost
Just waiting to frighten somebody
White is a marvelous, soft marshmallow
Roasting on a stick, over the fire.

Jesse Chiarolanzio  Grade 4

Yellow

Yellow is a juicy pineapple
Put into a tropical smoothie
Yellow is loud lightning
Streaking across the sky
Yellow is a bright light
Illuminating the room
Yellow is the bright sun
Shining on a hot summer's day.

Nicholas Armstrong  Grade 4

Green

Green is the fresh cut grass
that sways in the wind
Green is the swirling and twirling frosting
on the vanilla cupcake
Green is a crayon that makes the
picture stand out
Green is the clover in the backyard,
hidden behind the bushes
Green is the leprechaun in the kitchen
Looking for a black pot of gold.

Michael Mooney  Grade 4
Sports Stars

The Pitch

My knees begin to tremble. The green grass pushes against my soft skin like the ocean pressuring its foamy waters on me. A few people gather around, waiting for the first pitch. I slowly watch as my dad gets ready. I go through my windup. My friend, Seth, gets ready to swing. Whish! I hear the loud pop of the ball hitting my dad’s mitt. “Strike, you’re out!” yells the umpire. I smile at my first strike out of the game.

Cole Bianco

Sports

Hockey is always a challenging time, Skating, slashing, and scoring are favorites of mine. Basketball and baseball are fun and competitive. Good sportsmanship means not getting negative. Tennis is made up of serving and spiking. It’s an individual game that’s very exciting. Living in Florida is an athlete’s dream. I play sports all year, alone and on teams.

Jared March

Skiing in North Carolina

Last week I went to North Carolina. I was so excited because we were going skiing. I couldn’t wait to go. Finally the day arrived. I went to ski school. We learned how to turn. Then we went on the ski lift and skied down the mountain. I liked it very much. Next year I hope we go skiing again.

Liat Shufita

The Kite

The kite struggled to get free From the very strong tree, The kite was grabbed by the tree, The tree is evil, the tree eats flying objects that are in its reach, but today the kite is gone. Maybe it was eaten, maybe it is free.

Rand Hinds

Baseball

I take a good look at the plate. I swing my arm around and around. Slowly I throw the ball. It soars and spins. He hits the ball. It gently falls into my hands. We call three outs and run to get the bats.

Alexander Stocksdale

Soccer

in possession dribbling the ball with feet as fast as lightning around a player down the field through another player past the defense near the goal three seconds left at the goal shoots the ball past the goalie into the net out of time we win!

Michael Eisderfer

Grade 1

Grade 2

Grade 4
Familiar Feelings

Sick
I'm coughing like a hurricane
My head is as hot as the sun
My legs are as cold as snow
I’m sneezing like an avalanche
I feel gloomy in my head
I'm as restless as the clouds.
Sarah Parker  Grade 2

Getting Teeth Pulled
I got my teeth pulled when I was six
years old. Three of them had to be
extracted to make room for my grown-up
teeth. The reason I was worried was
because I didn’t know if it would hurt me.
After they were extracted, I needed to eat a
lot of Jello and pudding. Some kids would
think of this as their wildest dream, but not
me. It gave me a stomachache. Now I can
smile (like a horse) with my grown-up teeth.
Samantha Koreman  Grade 1

Meditation
Meditation is the rest of mind,
It is a time to think
About the wonderful glories and
wonders of nature.
The wonders of nature
are too great to imagine.
The beautiful birds, flying gracefully
Across the blue, open sky.
The beautiful fish, always swimming,
So quickly, so gracefully,
and so perfectly.
Those cute, baby and wild, free tigers.
Always so innocent, so little,
but still so vicious.
All of those things
you can think about while
Meditating, meditating, meditating,
Hmmm..................
Blake Mandell  Grade 5

Emotions
My emotions always change,
Sometimes they’re even a little strange.
Horses, friends and family
make me love and feel glad,
Death and hurt animals
make me really very sad.
I get nervous before math tests
and jumping bigger jumps than I’m used to,
And being surprised by big gifts
When I don’t have a clue.
I feel excited going to birthday parties
Or a friend’s house
I'm totally scared of the dark, spiders,
and a silly barn mouse.
These are my feelings and emotions,
Some are as rough as the oceans!
Gabriella Teamkin  Grade 4

Being Sick
I spent a week in my bed
I had such pains in my head.
A cough, a fever, a runny nose,
I’ll need some Kleenex, I suppose.
Feed a fever, starve a cold,
I hope I’ll feel better before I grow old.
Christie Harrison  Grade 4

Gloomy
Gloomy guy
Lonely person
Out of the game
Out of happiness
Maybe you need a friend
You are sad
Brian Pridgeon  Grade 4
Nature Lovers

Look

Look at the sun, so high in the sky
Only in the day, while the moon is away
Look at the moon, how very pretty
How it shines on the night city
Look at the seasons,
how far they have passed
So many seasons to last
Look at the stars, how they connect
So near the sun, I can’t wait
See the clouds, how slow they move
But how quick they follow me and you
Look at the leaves, how green they are
But in the autumn, see them fall
Look at the grass, how it grows,
Day and night, I suppose
Look at the dog named Pepper,
As cute as can be
With such a beautiful face,
I’m as lucky as can be

Arjun Pothuri

My Backyard

It’s a beautiful sunny day in south Florida. The birds are chirping and the sun is beaming down. The wind is blowing my papers like a boat in the sea. I can almost hear the waves crashing on the beach. I can taste the salty breeze from the glazing ocean. All around me are the beautiful sounds of nature. The crickets squeak while the colorful birds sing. Leaves fall from the trees like raindrops from the sky. The sun’s rays beam down on the pool, which make it sparkle like glitter pieces. The hammock gently sways in the breeze. What a wonderful way to spend my day.

Zachary Silvester

The Power

The beautiful breeze outside
Gives the Earth its greatness and pride
The exquisite petals on the flower
Give the Earth its strength and power
The pretty leaves on the tree
Are the Earth’s shelter for you and me
The Earth is a ball
of enormous greatness
We should save the Earth
and hurt it less

Brittany Panzer

Snowy Day

It’s windy! A blanket of clouds is covering the sky as I walk in the mountains of snow. I try to walk faster but the snow is too deep.

Sarah Winfield

Peace

The mighty redwoods scrape the sky,
A hotel for those passing by.
The oceans long, the oceans wide,
Coral reefs they do hide.
Looking up, see the clouds,
Gentle, floating, misty shrouds.
Around the peaceful wilderness,
Peaceful lands we do miss.
Why is peace not world renowned?
Why has peace not yet been found?
How many men have to die,
To stop the women and children’s cry?
See the meadows see the woods.
Treasure all of their godly goods.
To live in peace they do peace,
To live in harmony they do preach.

Kaleb Shafa
Dear Mr. President,

I hope that the poor people would have jobs. Also, I wish that you would protect our environment. Do not allow people to kill endangered animals. Help people here and in other countries to have freedom.

Dylan McIver Grade 1

Dear Mr. President,

I want you to come to different schools so all of the kids can learn about your life. I would like to see you helping the poor people. I would also like to see you defending our country.
Thank you for all the hard work you have done. Please write back.

Jake Kubiliun Grade 1

My Dream

I have a dream, people shouldn't be disrespectful to the world and all living things. I believe there can be peace in the world if we try. One day I hope we can make my dream come true. People of all kinds, let us have hope and make this dream come true. We don't need more roads and buildings or being mean to the world. We need hope.

Brianna Blais-Billie Grade 2

Dear Mr. President,

Please support our country. Tell people to stop polluting. The poor people need more money. Please also help other countries. I hope you can do these things.

Kyra Samson Grade 1

Veteran’s Day

Veteran’s Day is the day we celebrate for the people who fought for our country in Iraq. They didn’t do it because they are brave or strong. They did it for the country we live in, so we are safe. They are heroes to us. Don’t think they are not scared. They are scared every day when they are fighting in Iraq. Think about it, somebody fighting for us and nobody else.

Jeffrey Keller Grade 3

Dear Mr. President,

I hope you continue to make our country a safe place. My mom and dad say that you have made airports and planes and other buildings safer. Have a great four years. Thank you.

Jarett Alfero Grade 1

Dear Mr. President,

Help the poor. Feed the poor. Help the sick. Find a cure for cancer. Help the world be a better place. Love plants, trees, and animals.

Katelyn Barclay Grade 1

Veteran’s Day

Veteran’s Day means to me that we are very thankful to be American. All the people that went to war for us and at war they died—we should thank them for risking their lives for us. Some countries can’t vote and have a very hard life. Thank you, soldiers, for making our lives better.

Sydney Silverstein Grade 3
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