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Dear Students, Parents and Faculty,

April is National Poetry Month, and the entire Lower School becomes involved yearly in learning about poetry. The students read and study different forms of poetry, such as haiku, diamante, limericks, shape poems, couplets, and more. Poetry has been displayed in the hallways throughout the school. Perhaps you noticed the "Poem of the Day" written on the announcement board in the front lobby, or read the many fine examples of student writing on bulletin boards in classrooms. In these pages you will discover many more examples of this fine Language Arts instruction, as interpreted by our Lower School students. Enjoy!

Thanks to the administration for their continued support of this endeavor. Thank you to the classroom teachers who instruct and inspire their young writers. Thank you to my wonderful, enthusiastic staff who worked diligently and creatively on the beautiful illustrations that enhance the writing on these pages.

I encourage all of our students to keep a journal or writer's notebook this summer so you can continue to express yourself beautifully in writing. Better yet, read the advice below from one of our students.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cantor, editor

The Mind of a Poet

Let your thoughts soar high
Fly through the sky
With wings outside
No need to hide
Paint your dreams
Shine those sunbeams
Sculpt your feelings
Water those seedlings
Let the flowers bloom
Even through the gloom
The canvas awaits you
Sketch everything you see and do

Celeste Talbot    Grade 4

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Our Earth, Our Home

Earth Day Poem

I love the earth because it is special to me.
There are trees that fill the world with colors, and they help you breathe.
The crystal oceans are shining as bright as the sun.
The fish in the water are always on the run.
All the beautiful birds are flapping their wings to fly.
They make me want to soar in the sky.
The earth has green grass that covers the ground.
Bumpy mountains fill the air and the deserts, they surround.
The world makes me feel happy.
We love our mother earth!

Jakob Sontag  Grade 2

Happy Earth Day!

If I had a wish, Earth Day would be every day.
Grass would flourish over roads and sidewalks.
This planet would flourish and humans would live in harmony.
Animals would thrive.
Maybe I don’t need a wish to make this dream come true.
Maybe all this planet needs, is an idea.
One good idea, for a good idea can go a long way, under the right conditions.

Shainal Gandhi  Grade 5

The Earth

Earth is our one and only home, if we destroy her we would have nowhere to roam.
We have to work to protect her for we have no other, so we must work together like a sister and a brother.
Some animals’ habitats are being neglected, guess what, people? They’re not being protected.
Lastly, people have hybrids or even solar power, let me make this easy on you, just turn off your lights for an hour.

Jacob Greene  Grade 4

Riley Barrett  Grade 3

If

Nature gives us life and something to live for
The glorious animals
The perfect flowers
Water to swim in
Trees to climb on
And land to play
Earth Day comes only once a year
The sun will continue to shine and warm
along with the flowing water
along with the blowing trees
along with the playing animals only if we all promise to use less
only if we save the Earth

Jamie Baer  Grade 5
Down by the Bay

As Seen from the Beach

While the old lighthouse shines from the end of a headland,
The moon seems to smile in the middle of the night.
As the waves in the sea get calmer,
The clouds above float by.
When the sand meets the waves,
Listen to the soothing sound it makes.
As the far-off mountains remain still,
This can all be seen from the beach.

Crystal blue waves
Crash against the baked sand
Seagulls dive into
the aquamarine waters
Flashes of scales come into sight
Speckled seashells wash up on the sand
The sun looks at itself
in the great navy mirror
Emerald turtles glide by the coral reef
Rainbow sponges can be spotted
Coral castles with king crabs
Crowd the ocean with life.

My Friends and I in the Pool

My friends came over. I went in the pool with them. We all put on our bathing suits. We hopped in the pool. We swam all over the place. My dog did the doggy paddle. We went out of the pool and we went to the water slide. I had fun.

Ocean Day

I see the gentle waves
kissing the wet smooth sand.
I smell all of the salty water.
The waves are tucking the wet sand into bed.
Splash, splash!
The waves are slapping
the salty watery sand.
All of the people are getting ready to go...But I'm not!
I want to see the sky blue water,
The waves, and the cute green round baby turtles.
They are so cuddly!
The ocean is the perfect place to relax.
I love the beach!

The Beach

The blue sky hung above the rushing ocean waters. The picnic basket was lying there waiting for someone to pick it up. A white and blue checkered towel was dangling on a snow-colored beach chair. Sailboats were rapidly skimming the water as they darted across the ocean. Earthy, tall palm trees swayed in the wind. Cool, gray rocks bulged out of the sand. Plants stood waiting for the rain to fall. There, on a beach, many things...life, water, but no humans.

The Great Vacation on the Sea

On my vacation I went on a boat called the Carnival Pride. I saw the real Freddy. He looked like a bunny with big ears. On the boat there was a crazy waterslide. It spun all around and made me flip over. It was the best vacation ever!
Spectacular Sports

Football
Sweaty, teamwork
Throwing, carrying, tackling
Throwing accurate and hard
Sports
Jordan Schulefand Grade 5

Baseball
Baseball is a lot of fun
Everyone loves to hit a home run
You use a ball and a bat
The baseball field is where it's at!
To play baseball you use a mitt
Catching the ball, we love it!
Singles, doubles and triples
all help the team
When we hit, the fans yell and scream
A stolen base is an exciting play
It is not something we see every day
I love playing baseball and
watching it too
It's a sport for everyone, including you!
Matthew Frank Grade 1

The Frisbee
I loved the way the Frisbee
floated into the air. It felt like paper, it was so light. I supposed that it would be fun to ride on a beautifully spinning Frisbee through the air. I was surprised by the way the Frisbee floated in the air like it was always there. I noticed the Frisbee slowly and gently coming down, like paper, floating down as slow as possible. As I ran my hand along it, it felt as smooth as a warm pillow.
Sarah Tiktin Grade 2

Golf
On the velvet green golf course
With the clear blue sky
and the fluffy white clouds
Near the water and behind a tree
In terrible trouble
He hits the ball and
it flies around the tree
On the wide green, putting for Birdie
Stroking the club gently
Rolling to the hole.
Birdie!
Sam Bennett Grade 4

Basketball
Fun, Athletic
Running, Shooting, Dribbling
Hard, Tough, Bases, Bats
Aim, Speed, Sliding
Active, Amazing
Baseball
Matthew Steiner Grade 4

Diamante Poem
Basketball
Fun, Athletic
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Baseball
Matthew Steiner Grade 4
Spring

Waking up with the bright morning sun peeking through my window, I hear the newborn chirping baby birds. The grass is glistening with morning dew. Rabbits are hopping and the flower buds on the trees are blooming. Pollen is fluttering along with the warm slight breeze of spring. Spring is truly a miracle!

Victoria Langone Grade 3

Winter is Going

Diamond Snow
Aspen Trees Swaying
Lets you know
That winter is staying
Winter is great
It makes me full of glee
I don’t want to wait
Another year to ski.
Rays of Sunlight
Hit the snowflakes
With all of its might,
Makes the Spring Awaken.
The only thing I could remember
Is the winter delight,
Though I’ll wait to December
For the freezing frostbite.

Jacob Wilentz Grade 4

Winter Wonderland

It was a winter wonderland! My eyes kept blinking because it was so bright. I reached down and touched the white snow. It felt freezing under my feet. I made a snowball and threw it at my sister! I did the same thing to my brother! I took my two cold hands and scooped up the snow like an ice cream scooper! I threw it and my brother threw it back to me! I giggled so much my belly hurt. I had the best time ever!

Samantha Boisvert Grade 1

Winter Acrostic Poem

White snow lays like a blanket
on the ground
Icicles glisten while hanging on a porch
Night is chilly and windy
Toboggan sledding down a steep hill
Excellent time for skiing
Racing for the finish

Caleb Liberman Grade 4

Winter Haiku

A warm hot fireplace
Fire keeps winter’s cold away
Keeps me very warm

Josh Feller Grade 3
Colors of the Earth

Yellow

Yellow is the shining stars we see at night
The taste of lemon drops that makes your lips pucker
Yellow is cozy and comforting
Yellow is the center of a flower
Yellow is the sound of beaming voices
And the brightest crayon in the bin
Yellow is a happy face
The vast sand spread across the beach
Yellow is the rare and beautiful sunset

Cory Riegelhaupt Grade 4

A Colorful Rainbow

Red is lava bubbling in a volcano that's about to burst into flames.
Orange is an orange getting peeled by a human's greasy and sticky hands.
Yellow is the sun reflecting on us.
Green is grass swiftly gliding side to side as the winds blow on it.
Blue is the daylight sky with puffy clouds covering it up at dawn.
Purple is grapes dangling on a vine.

Taylor Kogan Grade 3

White

White looks like a new car in the sun
White sounds like a silent evening
White feels like a new pillow
White smells like white chocolate
White tastes like a marshmallow
White makes me feel unseen
White is me

Paul Tocci Grade 4

Black

Black looks like a Halloween night
Black sounds like an evil laugh
Black feels like pure nothingness in space
Black smells like a huge oil spill
Black tastes like an ice-cold soda
Black makes me furious at the world
Black is the darkest mixture of colors
Black is the never-ending night sky filled with distant stars

Grant Leff Grade 4

Colors

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, which color should I choose? Is it bright like the sun or dark like the night? Colors! Colors! Pretty as can be. Crayons! Crayons! Big and small, round and skinny colors.

Amanda Schwartz Grade 1

Blue Symmetry

Blue looks like the calm ocean flowing across the river.
Blue sounds like calmness on the beach.
Blue feels like the water splashing on my face.
Blue smells like the ocean's salty water.
Blue tastes like the rippest blueberries.
Blue makes me feel very calm.
Blue is my middle name.

Sheena Rapkin Grade 4
The sapphire ocean crashed as the golden sun slowly went down. The whispering wind hit my face. My feet scrunched up in the sand as the sparkling water gently came up to shore. I felt cold mist splashing me in rage. The sunset sky turned into blackness painted across the sky with twinkling, shining stars popping out of nowhere. The ocean called my name as the faded sun cried sadly when we broke apart.

Peri Shechtman Grade 4

Clouds

Clouds clouds in the sky
Cotton candy flying by
The clouds wave goodbye

Ben Ross Grade 3

Rainbow

Purple, green, orange,
Blue, yellow, red
And a cloud on each side
Put it all together
And that makes a rainbow
Can I find where it ends?
Horses, dogs and cats
To gather around the rainbow
They try to find where it ends too
They all dance and play
Until they fall down
Twirl, twirl, twirl
How fun that would be
What a sight to see!

Abbie Kopelowitz Grade 1

I am sitting up here out in the cold atmosphere
As wet and soggy as a big bucket of warm water
As thin as a piece of paper
The color of a loose tooth
All of a sudden I start to drop out of the sky
like a baby duck trying to fly
I pass a beautiful hummingbird drifting across the sky
Feeling more and more scared as I get closer to the muddy ground
I fall to the cold, wet ground, blending in with the other rain
I am now part of a damp puddle of rain
Sitting with other raindrops

Skylar Ronkin Grade 2

The sun will come down
Pretty colors in the sky
It is getting dark

Rayna Greene Grade 4

Haiku

The wind is blowing
Branches are bouncing high
And clouds are dancing

Sam Blum Grade 3

Haiku

Calm, relaxing breeze
Blowing my hair in the wind
Peaceful, windy breeze

Noah Besner Grade 3
Over my vacation I went to the Imax theater and I saw a 3-D movie about life under the sea. The sea creatures were eating things and it was scary. They would pop out into your face. I saw really cool animals like nurse sharks, big brown and yellow fish, snakes, and big green frogs. I had a very, very great time!

William Boudy

I love the beach.
I love the soft sand crawling in between my toes when I walk.
I love the tranquil noise of the big waves crashing against the wet sand.
I love to swim in the big blue ocean.
I love the beach.
I love watching the green palm trees sway back and forth in the wind.
I love the beach.

Caitlin Cahalin

I love the ocean. It is clear. When I pick up a seashell I can hear. It is pretty and blue. When I’m in the ocean I want you to come in, too! I love dolphins. They are cool. They would get sick if they swam in my pool. I love coral. It is neat. If you bite it, you’ll never want to eat. The ocean is colorful! I see fish and sea creatures. Dolphins, whales, sharks and fish... the ocean.

Nicholas Moleta

Aqua waves crash on the golden sand. The white moon illuminates the empty black sky. A lighthouse as white as snow stands on a rocky cliff covered with rainbow-colored flowers. Next to it stands a small house with its windows lit with bright lights. The lighthouse looks like a candle because the top of it is as bright as fire. Majestic mountains stand close to the horizon ending at the deep blue sea. It is a very peaceful night on the beach.

Ryan Douglas

Splash! Splash! As we were going to the sandy place with blue salted water, the sun was so bright I had to squint. The day was as beautiful as twilight. I rode my bike to the sandy place with my dad. When I touched the sand, it was the hottest sand in Hollywood. The wind roared like a lion. I ran like the wind to the blue, salted water. I put my feet in the water and this is what I heard, Brrr! My lips were shaking like a milkshake. What a great day at the beach!

Nicholas Pfister

I am fishing in my backyard. There is a stream filled with fish, tadpoles and frogs. I caught a big bass and a huge barracuda. I was the only one who caught any fish! My cousin cooked up the bass so we could eat it for dinner. It was amazing! I love to fish and I can’t wait to go again.

Dylan Romig
Eggs Over Easy

I eat eggs over easy almost every day. Eggs over easy taste scrumptious. The yolk bursts out in the middle like a volcano. Eggs over easy feel soft like a pillow. They sound like a slithering snake in the frying pan. I love eggs over easy. I can't stop eating them. They are my favorite thing for breakfast. But if we don't have them, I'll have to eat oatmeal.

Sophia Borzillo  Grade 1

Golden Popcorn

Pop pop pop pop pop
Little popcorn kernels coming alive
Mmmmmmm so tasty.
So buttery golden like the sun.
Popcorn so nice and hot.
Movies are better with the crunchy taste of pillowy popcorn.
Golden like the sun,
Pillowy popcorn popping.

Jonathan Spier  Grade 1

Banana
yellow, yummy
peeling, eating, chewing
delicious nutritious snack
Fruit

Bianca Rosen  Grade 5

Lemons

Lemons are yellow like the sun.
Lemons smell fresh.
Lemons feel hard like a rock.
Lemons taste very sour.
The good thing about lemons...
Lemons make lemonade!

Sarah Bell  Grade 1

Diamante

Candy
Sweet, sugary
Enjoying, treating, chewing
Sour, hard, hot punishment
Poisonous, giving to the dog, hiding
Horrible, can't win
Veggie

Jenna Zwick  Grade 4

Grape
Tasty delicious
Juicing sucking devouring
A great healthy snack
Fruit

Spencer Finkel  Grade 5

Raspberries

Raspberries look like a red little mountain.
Raspberries smell sweet like candy.
Raspberries sound quiet when you bite them.
Raspberries feel bumpy and tender.
Raspberries taste juicy and full of tiny seeds.

Tori Bien  Grade 1

Limerick

There once was a cute bird named Bob.
He liked to eat corn on the cob.
One day he tried hot fudge,
He turned into a grudge.
Such a silly bird named Bob!

Alexandra Donoway  Grade 4
Seasons on the Go

Spring

Blossoms, flowers, roses, lilies
Daisies, sunshine, spring showers, lazy day
Sprouts, bushes, grass, green, blue, orange, red, pink, yellow,
Field of flowers, having fun
Spring—the best season of all

Maia Cole Grade 3

Spring is Super

Perfect smells are all around me
Raindrops come down second by second
Indigo flowers shoot up
Nature comes up like a kid on a trampoline
Going on trips in spring is awesome

Mercedes Ramanathan Grade 3

Crunching Leaves

Crunch! Crunch! I’m in North Carolina and my feet are slowly crunching on the fall leaves. They are as crisp as crunchy Cheerios before I put the milk in my cereal. I can smell the leaves burning like fireworks. The color is reddish brown. They feel like a smooshed ice cream cone without ice cream in it. Crunch! Crunch! Here I go again!

Todd Levan Grade 1

Newborn baby ducks quack loudly for food. Flowers spring out from the soft green grass, shining under their wonderful sunshine. It’s spring today! Little boys and girls play with their toys, and baby animals play also. All of the birds fly and sing their songs. Today is a wonderful day.

Ari Kaplan Grade 3

Flower

Lots of Color
Blooming and Beautiful
Very Tall and Very Strong
Flower

Andrea Otero Grade 4

Spring

During spring the daffodils are in bloom. The bees are bringing pollen to plant after plant. The soothing sound of birds chirping songs takes away my thoughts. I see squirrels scurrying around the trees. The wind is so strong it is pushing me to the right. I see a rainbow flying above me and butterflies looking for food. It is a beautiful spring day!

Michael Heller Grade 3

Robins
red black
flying looking nesting
they like spring
birds

Ava Rosenblum Grade Kg
Growing Ideas

Nature

Strong leaves hold onto branches
Pretty flowers sway back and forth
Rainbows stream across the sky
Interesting birds settle on branches
Never-ending joy
Gray fading away

Saachi Jain  Grade 3

Flowers

Scented, colorful
Smelling, changing, growing
Blooming every year
Tulips

Carson Knaby  Grade 5

The Flower

The flower is yellow and green. A yellow and black bee landed on the flower. It was sucking pollen from the flower. The flower has green leaves. The leaves were a light shade of green. Black bugs are on the flower. A lot of bugs are on the sunflower.

Ali Kuttler  Grade Kg

Seed to Flower

As tan as sand
As hard as a rock
Being placed in a hole
Sprinkling fresh water
Cooling me down
Days later, POP!
Changing
A yellow and brown sunflower
My enormous brown face enjoys visits from butterflies
Wind is cooling my beautiful leaves
Butterflies’ legs tickle my leaves
The sun as bright as a shooting star
Magnificent life
Being a flower

Savannah Stocker  Grade 2

Flower

The violet blossom doesn’t flinch as the wind toys with its sage leaves. It stretches its vanilla neck to receive the melted sun, dripping from a bright blue sky.

Brianna Gonzalez  Grade 3

Flowers

Pretty, colorful
Growing, blooming, sipping
Flowers are beautiful
Plant

Damian Duquesne  Grade Kg

Flowers

Beautiful smell
Pick, plant, look
Empowers you to pick
Sunflowers

Danielle Lowsky  Grade 4

Flowers

Pretty, nectar
Glowing, blooming, blooming
Flowers bloom in spring
Springtime

Jake Morris  Grade Kg
Amazing Animals

The Bee on My Knee

What I see is beautiful. What I see is a bee on my knee. I see trees as pretty as can be. The sky is as blue as ever.

I saw the bee on my knee and I said, “Get off me!” It was black and yellow and steaming mad. It started to sting! Ouch! It hurt a lot.

I ran in a heartbeat. I was out of breath but the bee was on me. It was chasing me. I was so scared, I could have died! The bee hurt me so bad that the whole universe made an echo.

Livia Sciulli Grade 2

The Small Bird

Tweet, tweet. The bird is flying in the blue sky. The daddy bird is soaring in the sky looking for food for his babies. The babies are waiting in their brown nest.

Jack Shechtman Grade Kg

Pumpkin and Mrs. E

As many of you might know, Mrs. E has a furry friend that lives outside our school. I interviewed Mrs. E to find out more.

Q: How did you meet Pumpkin and his friends?
A: One day at school I saw Pumpkin and his friends. I feed squirrels at home so I decided to feed Pumpkin.

Q: How did you think of the name Pumpkin?
A: It's a nickname for somebody you like.

Q: How long have you been feeding Pumpkin?
A: For about five years.

Q: Why were there six squirrels and now there is only one?
A: Because of the construction noise and the landscape has changed. There aren't as many trees for the squirrels to live in.

Q: Do you think the squirrels know you?
A: Yes, they know my voice and when they hear it they come.

Tommy Decker Grade 2

Ladybug

red black flying eating crawling ladybugs help us bugs

Jordyn McCullough Grade Kg

Cats

Curiosity lurks upon them Always on a search for a mouse or attention Trembles at the sight of a dog Special in many different ways.

Lily Hirschman Grade 4

Dog

loveable, playful jumping, playing, running fun to be with Puppy

Alexandria Persad Grade 5

Lew Lew

*WOOF*

Lewis playful, funny licking, drooling, yipping a very amazing dog

Elizabeth Cornfeld Grade 5
You and I

Alone

I am alone and frightened
I glance around the lush outdoors
The wind whistles through my ear
I feel a chill
Not a person or thing to comfort me
I look at the sky my mind is cleared
I'm sitting in my backyard alone

Aysha Zackria Grade 2

Dream

I see a place where I can do anything
or be anyone I want.
A place where you can express
your feelings in a way that you
could never do in real life.
A place where you can't be judged
or made fun of.
Where your dark shadow lights up
and shines forever.
You can't buy a dream in a store,
or anywhere.
It is in your heart.
All you have to do is find it.

Andrew Singer Grade 4

Secrets

Secrets are horrible, terrifying,
and oh yes it's true
Secrets are something witches stir
in their bubbling brew.
Now don't they sound really bad?
But to be honest with you,
I have a couple secrets too.

Bethany Balanoff Grade 5

Brave

A majestic thought
soaring through my head
I sound like a herd ramming the city.
If I had a choice I would take the hard way.

Jordan Frank Grade 2

Lonely

I sigh and weep and cry,
Nothing to do.
Alone, dark, quiet;
I just wait and wait.
Listening to sounds of birds and children,
Quiet in the corner of my bed,
I sigh.

Stewart Hughes Grade 2

My Mommy

My mom looks like a snowflake
falling from the crystal sky. She sounds like
a newborn bird singing. She smells like a
red ripe rose blooming in a lovely garden
surrounded by beautiful flowers. She feels
like a gentle rose petal. When she kisses
me, she tastes like yummy chocolate. She
fills half my heart with love!

Clarissa Zisman Grade 1

My Mom's Voice

My mom's voice brightens up my
day. When I'm sad, she cheers me up with
her soft sweet voice. When I'm angry, her
voice calms me down. Each day my mom
tells me to try new things. My mom's voice
always gives me confidence. In my head I
can hear my mom's soothing voice calming
me down. No one's voice can replace my
mom's.

Julia Ray Grade 3
Awesome Animals

The Pink Birds
Tweet, tweet! The pink birds are soaring through the sky. They are looking for juicy pink worms for their babies. The babies are in the brown nest up high in the shiny green and brown tree.

Emma Olivieri Grade Kg

The Spot Around My Dog's Eye
The spot around my dog's eye is shaped like a chocolate pie. The spot is black, like his nose. He has fur, but no clothes. His happy brown eye is in the middle. I love him a lot, but not a little. The spot around my dog's eye has little bits of gray, and this is what I have to say.

Kaia Goudreau Grade 1

I am a Mouse
I am a mouse
I am really, really small
I am gray and hungry
Don't be afraid of me at all
I'll get it soon
I want some cheese
I'll get it now
Even in the breeze
But I'll be afraid of you
If you say a peep or a...big BOO!

Arnav Kumar Grade 1

Bright yellow bees fly
Visit flowers, make honey
Fuzzy bumblebees.

Joel Osborn Grade 3

Slithering through grass
Green scaly skin with rough bumps
Waiting for its prey

Alec Zager Grade 4

My Dog
Aja
Playful, cute
Licking, growling, barking
Always in a playful mood
Fluffy puppy

Jonathan Frucht Grade 5

I am a Mouse
Of an animal that sings
Chirping in my ear

Selin Kilinc Grade 3

The colorful wings
Of an animal that sings
Chirping in my ear

Bird

Butterfly
Among the trees flying so high
A butterfly sways her wings
Through the two branches, she swoops down
Under the flower for shelter
Within the storm, she rests
Against the long thick stem
After the storm she flutters away

Ally Lowitz Grade 4
My Special Talent

My special talent is playing the recorder. When I play it in the house, it lights up with music like a thousand bluebirds tweeting the same tune. It gives me something to do when I get bored. Playing the recorder is a very special talent. I think that everyone in the whole world should be able to play the recorder.

John Lochrie
Grade 4

The Great Day

I had a great day on my birthday! It was very good and today I am going to be on T.V. in my school. I was on WUTV with my chess team since we won the Broward County Scholastic Championships. I came in fourth place! We showed the whole school our red and sparkly trophies. I couldn’t be happier.

Linden Lazarus
Grade Kg

I Am Getting Smarter

I have a brand new workbook and it is so colorful. Mrs. Ast gave me a work page to do at home, and it is so much fun. I am learning from it. Now I know how to use dominoes and I love it. It is my favorite workbook that I’ve ever had. I am really happy that I learn from it every day. I’m getting really smarter and smarter.

Amanda Ellman
Grade 1

Homework

Boring, long
Sitting, writing, thinking
Silly, hard, horrible, can’t play

Chase Winston
Grade 4

Me

Happy, Loving
Playful, Funny, Thoughtful
Waiting to go outside to play

Matthew Goldberg
Grade 4

Fifth Grade
Stupendous, rapid
Smiling, eating, playing
Memories that will last forever
University School

Ashley Lader
Grade 5

Fifth Grade
Elementary field trips
Learning reading writing
Classes with friends
School

Nick Napoli
Grade 5

The Slide

Swoosh, swoosh. The dark yellow, very dirty slide is in the sparkly sun. The shimmering sun makes the dark yellow slide look like the brightest yellow slide I have ever seen. The slide is bumpy and very curvy. The bottom of the slide has muddy round circles. The slide is wet and slippery. The clear blue raindrops are dropping off the slide onto the brown mulch.

Rebecca Wolf
Grade Kg
What a Wonderful World

The Everglades

A great enormous willow tree hangs over the sunlit water, as three herons fish with their orange beaks. Palm trees shade rabbits, raccoons, and other ground creatures. Mangrove trees silently eat and drink, watching everything around them. Squawking birds fly gracefully as fish dark from here to there in the lake. Alligators soundlessly swim while frogs noisily croak and hop on lily pads and coconuts swing in the breeze.
The Florida panther teaches its young to hunt prey as the bobcat does the same, in the Everglades.

Dylan McIver

If I Could Fly

If I could fly, I would go to Washington D.C. to see the White House. I would meet the president and shake his hand. I would ask him to go to lunch with me. We would eat hot dogs and drink Sprite. I would say goodbye to Barack and fly back to Florida.

Jake Loeser

The Show

I sat in my seat and waited and waited. The bright lights began to dim and then it was as black as night. The red curtains went up. I heard the beautiful music. I saw the sign language woman slowly moving her hands in the air. The characters danced on the stage walking, driving, doorbell ringing and smiled at the audience. I clapped getting a headache. It was a signal for Annie to begin. What a wonderful show!

Sydney Glicksman

If I Could Fly to Mexico

If I could fly, I would go all over the world. I would see Mexico where the trees are green and the water is blue. I would see clear jellyfish squiggling through the water. Now that is going to be pretty! I would swim in the deep blue sea and I would catch some fish there too. I would probably go to some restaurants while I was there. I would eat chips and salsa on the beach.

Lara Wagner

If I Could Fly

If I could fly, I would go over a flower garden. I see the flowers making a colorful rainbow and a flittery butterfly dancing. The wind pushes me over and I feel I am going to fall in the soft flowers. I also see that a big, yellow and black bumblebee is trying to sting me—I better fly fast!

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