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Dear Lower School students and parents,

April is National Poetry Month, and our Lower School teachers use the opportunity to teach poetry to our young writers. The students have been introduced to quite a few forms of poetry, including haiku, a traditional Japanese form with seventeen syllables; Cinquain, a five-stanza poem; diamante, a diamond-shaped poem; limericks; acrostics; rhyming verse; and free verse.

The act of writing is a thoughtful process—unlike speaking, words must be chosen carefully and can be changed at the creator’s wish. As you peruse this issue, please take a minute to consider the thought that went into each piece. Our students are learning expressive language as well as using higher level thinking skills in writing classes.

I want to thank my wonderful staff of students in grades two through five who created the lovely artwork for this issue. They were enthusiastic, reliable, hard-working, and very talented, as you can see! Our beautiful cover was a collaborative effort of two students in third and fifth grade.

There are always more pieces to choose from than we have room to include. Here are two extra for you to enjoy:

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cantor, editor

Acrostic

Put some words
On each line
Easy, if you
Make it rhyme!

Day
Bright, exciting
Playing, laughing, running
Sunny, dark, loud, quiet
Sleeping, relaxing, reading
Dark, quiet
Night

Amanda Landau Grade 4
Siera Leete Grade 4

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All illustrations by Treasures and Dreams staff.
Active Adventures

Dance
Elegant, fun
Leaping, turning, jumping
Tap, hip hop, jazz, lyrical
Spinning, twirling, tapping
Beautiful, graceful

Maddie Musso Grade 4

Lucky Me

I am good at fishing because I always get lucky. I always catch the first fish. The strongest fish I caught was a wahoo. Wahoo are actually delicious to eat. The fish I always catch are huge but they swim with smaller fish. I was with my dad and papa on an Intrepid boat, which is my dad’s boat. This fish was caught by the amazing Fort Lauderdale Beach.

Gavin Gambardella Grade 2

Soccer

Getting in line for my soccer game I was so happy but scared at the same time. Then it was my team’s turn. I was scared because we had to go against ten year olds! But then it was time to start. We were warming up and my team ran faster than a wolf! Then we started and I kicked it so high. I was so happy and when it came back down I kicked it and scored. My team got one point. Then we got to do one more game. I got to start. I was sweating like I lived in the jungle. Then a girl from the other team tried to get the ball but I scored. Then everyone went home and I had a great time!

Natasha Ferris Grade 2

Tubing with Friends

Swoosh! I was zooming across the snow on a bouncy tube. I was flying so fast, but at the same time it felt like the longest ten seconds of my life. At the bottom of the hill I thought to myself, this is so delightful. Awesome! The second time on the hill I went down with Emma’s family. When going up on the Magic Carpet we felt icy, but when we got pushed down we felt balmy. My jacket felt like a soft, cozy blanket. Emma, Ella, and I made up a plan. We gripped the ropes on each other’s tubes and waited until the count of three. When we let go, we all walloped into each other. Boom! We all went flying. What an extraordinary day! I wish I could do it again.

Matthew Landau Grade 2

Basketball Man

I watch basketball on TV. I go to games and I play basketball. That’s why I am good at basketball and will play at the YMCA. I have practice on Saturday at 3:00. I hope to see people I know at practice.

Gavin Kelly Grade 2

Play

My favorite thing to do is play outside. I have a favorite park that is in Sunny Isles. I like the rock climbing wall. There is a rope that you can climb. It is a triangle that you climb to the top with. There are three or four seats to sit on if you get tired of climbing up the rope wall. The park has a great big trampoline. Can you believe that this amazing park has a water park as well! I want to go back to the park soon!

Joshua Sadov Grade 2
Mother’s Day Matters

She looks really, really pretty
She smells like Chanel perfume
She feels like a warm, cozy bear
She sounds like a chirping bird
The food she makes tastes delicious
like hot chocolate
I love you Mommy!

Chloe Banner
Grade 1

My mom looks as pretty as a rose.
When I hug her, she smells like flowers.
Her skin is smooth to touch.
I love the taste of her broccoli and only hers!
Her voice sounds like beautiful music!

Emma Leffin
Grade 1

My mom is the best mom in the world.
Sometimes she’s as busy as a bee. She says I’m as cute as button and sugary sweet, but sometimes she says I’m as mad as a rainstorm. My mom is as calm as a butterfly. She is as pretty as a diamond. I love my mom as much as a love bug.

Piper Campbell
Grade 3

My mom is as beautiful as the roses.
She is as sweet as candy.
She works as much as a factory.
She dresses as pretty as a model.
She cooks dinner like a chef.
She is as smart as a teacher.
She takes photos like a professional photographer.
She is as silly as a comedy writer.
Her smile lights up the room.
No one can love her more than I do.

Isabella Charno
Grade 3

Roses are red, violets are blue,
I’m so glad that I have you!
You are like a flower that bloomed
on an early spring morning
when the sun started rising
and the birds started chirping.
You are like the bright sun that set
after a hot summer day
when the trees started to sway.
You are like a cake that was made
on a nice long day.
I love you Mom,
and you know that anyway.

Miranda Novelli
Grade 3
Splish Splash

It is the most beautiful day in the world.
Swish, swish, the water is splashing against the sculptures of sand and the jet skis are making roads of wake through the humongous waves. The sand seems as hot as the sun. It seems like one million degrees. I see seashells by the seashore, and beautifully colored beach chairs and beach balls. There are people in the water which is as clear as glass. It is the best sound to hear the waves wash against the sand. The palm trees are swaying in the wind. This is the best summer day ever.

Andrew Lochrie

Rain is Special
Rain is special
It holds life
It holds beauty
It holds passion
It is powerful
Rain is what drops on you
Drip drop, drip drop
Rain is special
Rain is the water that
Drops through the dull great sky
Rain is what makes you glide
Through the streets
With a great big white smile.
Rain is what you swim
In and have the
Best time in.
Rain is special
Rain can cancel a lacrosse practice
Rain can cancel recess but rain is fun
Rain is special
I love the rain.

Corey Wasserman

Pounding Rain
Pounding on the windows,
howling at the door,
the rain wants to come in
but I want to open the door.
BOOM CRASH CRACK!
Trying to crack the windows,
trying to break down the door,
the thunder and lightning
want to get in
but not anymore, not anymore.

Amelia Wills

The Ocean
The ocean’s blasting
Rogue waves roar deep down below
In the wet, rough depths

Zane Green

At the Beach
Summer is the best time of the year to go to the beach. The sun is as hot as fire. The waves are crashing on the sand while the dolphins are splashing in the beautiful aqua water. Seashells are laying everywhere on the sand, and the jet skis are bouncing on the waves like kids in the bounce house. People are tanning in the bright sun. The beach makes me feel comfortable like I’m in paradise.

Carter Weiss

The Rain
When it was raining I went outside and started playing in the rain. I was so happy. I was outside for a long time. I decided I wanted to go inside, because I was wet and cold. When I was inside I felt like ice cream. Now when it rains I feel cold to the bone.
Fun Families

Outstanding Sister

I am good at being a marvelous sister. When my sister is upset I cheer her up. She says, “Can I play with you?” I say, “Sure!” Then I play with her. When she is fearful, I walk up the dark stairs with her. At school, when she comes to the playground, I hug her. I help her pick her clothes in the morning or for a fancy dinner party. When it’s time to go home, my sister and I play together.

Xiya Osceola

My Daddy

My Daddy
Plays soccer with me
Over the weekend
In the park
Because he loves me

Mattia Coccia
Grade 1

Daddy
Artist, optimistic
Caring, nice, funny
Strong, lovely, handsome, awesome
Derrick

Tony Wiley
Grade 1

Gabby Grace Kadosh
Gabby
Cute, Pretty
Sweet, Wonderful, Smart
Awesome, Stupendous, Cool, Nice
My Sister

Joseph Kadosh
Grade 1

My Mom

My mom looks like a flower!
My mom smells like vanilla cake!
I hear my mom say “DO YOUR HOMEWORK!”
My mom feels like a pillow!
I like to taste my mom’s meatballs!
Happy Mother’s Day! I love you!

Aleix Murphy
Grade 1

My Daddy

Nice, caring
Awesome, loving, funny
Stupendous, smart, great, friend
Amazing

Derrick
Grade 1

My Mommy

My mom looks like a beautiful flower
I think of my mom when I taste delicious brownies
I think of my mom when I smell cupcakes
My mom feels as soft as silk
I hear my mom say “I love you”
I love you mommy!

Amaya Militzok
Grade 2

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Avery Eichel
Grade 1

Dad

My bros are so cool,
The best people in my life,
Looking after me.

Jacob and Daniel

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Avery Eichel
Grade 1

Dad

Loving, caring
Helpful, funny, spectacular
Awesome, respectful, refined, amazing

Dad
Grade 1

My Sweet Mother

She kisses me on the cheek.
My sweet mother loves me all week.
My sweet mother cooks for me.
My sweet mother is like the sea.
My sweet mother loves me dearly.
My sweet mother is one of a kind yearly.

Dillon Daiagi
Grade 2
Flavor Town

Sweets
Sweet
Delicious, Colorful
Swallowing, Chewing, Smiling
Sugar, Chocolate Vegetable, Dressing
Eating, Munching, Tossing
Green, Healthy
Salad

Abby Glickman  Grade 4

A Strawberry
Tastes as sweet as marshmallows
Feels as mushy as a ball
Looks as red as a cherry
Smells like sweet ice cream
Sounds like something being smushed

Leila Cepeda  Grade 1

A Mango
It looks like a balloon
It smells as sweet as honey
It feels soft like cake
It sounds quiet as a butterfly
It tastes as sweet as candy

Lucas Tsung  Grade 1

A Starfruit
A starfruit is as pointy as a star in outer space
It tastes as sour as lemonade
A starfruit smells like apples
Eating a starfruit sounds like juice is coming out
A starfruit is as smooth as a blanket

Noah Avellanet  Grade 1

An Apple
It looks like a bouncy ball
It smells as sweet as flowers
It feels as hard as a rock
It sounds like crunchy crackers
It tastes as sweet as honey

Ruby Sas  Grade 1

An Orange
It looks like a crescent
It smells as sweet as an orange
It feels as squishy as a banana
It sounds like nothing
It tastes as sweet as a potato

Theo Meltzer  Grade 1

A Banana
It looks like a yellow telephone
It smells as sweet as candy
It feels as soft as marshmallows
It sounds as crunchy as crackers
It tastes as sweet as chocolate

Victoria Rybalka  Grade 1

A Banana
It looks like a stick
It smells as sugary as ice cream
It sounds as quiet as a ball
It tastes as healthy as a tomato
It is as yellow as a lemon

Timur Tashpulatov  Grade 1
Friendly Folks

Friendship is a wonderful thing. Friends can be used to cheer you up if you are sad or if you need something. You can play with them after school so you don’t get bored or you can do your homework with them so you don’t have to do it alone. They are good for all sorts of things but the best thing they are good for is being your friend. Probably you have make up of them sometimes but they are still your friend. So remember when you need a shoulder your friend will be there for you.

Jordan Neidenberg

It has never been easy to make friends. People are mean and some are nice. Still you have to be careful who you choose as a friend. They will be there with you for the rest of your life. Well, some people are nice, honest, and will never turn their back on you. You have friends all around you. The crazy ones, the shy ones, and the “Hey you want to come over” ones. Having friends makes life more enjoyable.

Clarice Demayo

Friends when it comes to choosing your friends!

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Clarice Demayo

Friends

Best Friends
Nice, pretty
Caring, playing, loving
Always never giving up
Zoe

Lucy Crawford

Grade 5

Friendship

Friendship is very hard. It’s hard because you need to be careful of who you choose for your friends. You need to make sure that you can trust your friends so that they won’t go behind your back, they won’t tell your secrets, and that they won’t spread any rumors about you. So far my experience of friendship has gone very well. My friends are very kind, sweet, trustworthy, funny, brave, and they don’t spread rumors or tell my secrets. You shouldn’t be friends with someone just because they’re the most popular person. You should be friends with someone you truthfully like. If you have any problems with friends you should tell your parents, teachers, or your school guidance counselor. I hope that you are smart when it comes to choosing your friends!

Olivia Kessler

Friendship

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Lucy Crawford

Grade 2

Friendship is a wonderful thing that everyone should experience. Friendship means to have a close friend who is always by your side. Teamwork is an important part of friendship because you learn to work together and not fight. Volleyball and other fun sports can be done after school with your friends and it helps you work together on a good team.

Wonderful friends make you laugh and know how to cheer you up when you are down. It is good to have sleepovers with three or more friends so you can get to know each other better. Friends can also go to awesome movies and the beautiful beaches. It is always important to have good friends, but it is more important to be a good friend.

Annabelle Aguero

My Sleepover with Louis

Monday Louis and I had a play date. We went to Dave and Busters and we went straight to the games. After Dave and Busters we went to Louis’ house. We watched TV, then we went to a haunted house. Louis was scared! The next morning Louis and I went to the park. We went on the monkey bars, then we went to the basketball court. Louis and I dunked the ball two times. Then we went on this big slide on the playground. We went to an ice cream shop. Louis and I had a great playdate and sleepover!

Donald Cypress

Grade 2
**Creature Feature**

**Cats**
- feline
- fierce, strong
- running, pouncing, jumping
- panther, cheetah, leopard, lion
- sneaking, hiding, eating
- sly, fearless

**Eagles**

I am a big bald eagle, and I am flying over a beautiful lake with the sunset reflecting on the water. There are astoundingly tall mountains full with white glistening snow covering them. The sun is setting through the huge white clouds. I feel a cold breeze rushing through my beautiful black and white feathers. I love my life being able to fly, and see all of the great views that most birds can’t see because I have the best vision that you can have.

**Butterfly**

Beautiful
Unique
Terrifying
Tickling

**Snakes**
- Super scary.
- Never touch a rattlesnake.
- And never take it as a pet.
- Kills people.
- Extremely poisonous.
- Super cool.

**Dolphin**

Sharks are mean to me,
The fish are my food to eat
Our groups are called pods.

**Rainforest**

The parrots squawking
The waterfalls are roaring
Monkeys are jumping

**A Day at the Beach**

Crash! The beautiful, relaxing waves calm me as I build a sand castle with a flag on top from my lunch. I dig a trench around my sand castle. Then I see seagulls catching fish, like my papa. (He’s really good at catching fish.) I search to see if there are any sea creatures, and I see a dolphin in the far distance. I wave, “Hi.” Then the dolphin squirts water out of its blowhole to say, “Hi” back. Then I see the gorgeous red orange sun setting in front of my eyes. My mom and dad call me to go home. It has been a wonderful day at the beach.

**Parrot**

One day I was walking through the zoo near the cages. I found a parrot on a little stool. I looked at the parrot and sighed. I told him I was having a bad day. Then suddenly I heard the parrot reply he was having a bad day too. We started to have a conversation. I found out that he really wants to get out more. He says he hates being stuck in a cage! Believe it or not, I was having a really great time! But then my mom told me I had to go, so I said goodbye. It was the best “bad day” ever!

**Dolphins**

Our groups are called pods.
There once was a boy named Scott.  
He did not like it when it was hot.  
He went off to camp,  
And swam like a champ.  
And that was the summer for Scott.

Scott Steinberg  
Grade 4

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Scott Steinberg

Limerick
Golden Gate Bridge
Walking on the bridge, Crossing to San Francisco, Wind blows in my face.
Maya Berkman Grade 2

Tropics
Sunny and humid, soft sand tickling my feet, great summer weather
Rebecca Katz Grade 4

Spring Poem
Rocky caves, little holes, Deer, bunnies, happy moles, Swaying palm trees, Birds flying, bees too, Flowers bloom, Green grass, the water blue That’s how you know when it’s spring! Spring is almost here, It’s coming soon, Birds are chirping, Flowers bloom, Butterflies coming from the south, Bees are buzzing all around, Leaves are nearly everywhere. Spring, it’s finally here!
Sophie Tabb Grade 3

Nature’s Songs
The beautiful Earth Flowers sing, bees make honey The songs of nature
Shahar Pasternak Grade 3

River
Bright crystal water shining light By the time The sun goes down Bats, rats Come out We leave Then say Goodbye We get In the Car And we All start To cry
Antonia Velosa Grade 2

Alligator
Living in water Swimming through the Everglades A green carnivore.
Sam Dyer Grade 2
Nature Notes

Thunder and Lightning
Dark magnificent frightening
Powerful light in the sky
That's high above the city.

Julian Lelutiu  Grade 4

Rain
I can splash in it. It gets me wet. It is blue.
Rain is very fast. Rain makes big puddles
but sometimes little ones too.
The clouds are always gray when it rains.
It makes me sad.
But I want the sun to come out and play.
It makes me happy.
The rain needs to stay away!

Isabella Blackburn  Grade 2

Rain Music
Rain drops on your window sill
Pitter patter slashing splooshing
It is nature’s beautiful song
It starts as a drizzle becoming bigger
And bigger until it becomes rain
The music becomes louder and
Even nicer.
Rain music has a
Message inside
Try to find it

Ella Gohari  Grade 3

Earth is where the grass grows.
Earth is where I live.
Earth is where the animals roam.
Earth is where the water flows.
Earth is my favorite planet.
Earth keeps me alive.
Earth provides the air I breathe.
Earth is awesome!

Braden Sherota  Grade 4

Rain
Rain is what makes flowers grow
Rain is what makes birds sing “crow”
Rain is so wet
It looks like clouds’ sweat
I just wish I could go-OUTSIDE!

Kayla Giset  Grade 3

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Ella Gohari  Grade 3
People and Places

Acrostic Poem

B-Black
R-Runner
A-Awesome
Y-Young
D-Dear
E-Engineer
N-Nice

Brayden Zaroff  Grade 1

My Mom

My mom smells like a rose.
Her hands are as soft as cotton candy.
She is as beautiful as a princess.
My mom’s cooking tastes delish!
Her sound is beautiful!

Shayna Snyder  Grade 1

Acrostic Poem

A-Awesome
S-Sweet
H-Happy
L-Little
E-Elegant
Y-Young

Ashley Singer  Grade 1

Antonym Diamonte

Comedy
Funny, laughing
Falling, laughing, screaming
Happy, smiley, bad, sad
Crying, sobbing, yelling
Tearful, tragic
Tragedy

Manuel Feldenkrais  Grade 4

Bio Poem

George
Creative, Shy, Hard Worker
Husband to Mellody Hobson
Who loves making movies and loved his childhood
Who experienced happiness, creativity, and shyness
Who fears failure
He accomplished making Star Wars a popular film
He wanted to see how his movies take off,
and see how many million dollars he would make out of his movies
Born in Modest, California
Lucas

Jadon da Costa  Grade 2

My Sweet Mother

I love the way your eyes twinkle in the sunset.
I love the way your hair shimmers in the sun.
You smell like roses and daisies.
I love your delightful dinners you make me.
You are extraordinary, Mom.

Naava West  Grade 2

Spring Break

During Spring Break I did all kinds of exciting things. I had a lot of playdates with my friends. One of the things I got to do was go swimming in the ocean. It was so much fun! I also went to Aventura Mall and after shopping I went to the park with Noah. Spring Break was great!

Sydney Scharf  Grade 1

Acrostic poem

T-Tricky
O-Outstanding
M-Mighty
A-Able
S-Soft

Tomas Palacio  Grade 1
I saw a smooth brown Chihuahua at my friend's house. He was one month old and he was cute. When I was eating dinner he rubbed my feet with his head. He was trying to bite me because I barked at him. When I held him, he was still and warm and soft. He didn't like it. So I jumped on the couch so he couldn't catch me. I wish I could have him.

My puppy Lola was walking to the dog park. My dog and I were playing fetch. Lola was playing with the other dogs too. Then I went to my friend's house. I brought my dog over and we were playing with our dogs. We went to lunch together and after all that my mom and I took my puppy for a bath. My day was over and my dog and I fell asleep.

Jojo Riesel Grade 4

Shiwon Kang

Cinquain Poem

Dog
Licking, barking, playing
Running, eating, playing
Always funny, lazy, hungry
Happy

Dylan Asiag Grade 4

Turtle
I am slow on land
In the water I grow up
Fast in the water.

Andrew Lodin Grade 2

Dog
Nice and fun to play
Run and run and helpful too-
Lick you all day long.

Nicholas Marques Grade 2

The Swamp
The swamp is alive
Alligator and the fish
Swim in green water

Isabella Motlow Grade 4

Africa
I can already hear the lions roaring. I feel excited when I see leopards trying to catch their prey, baby elephants playing with a tree branch by throwing it up and down, and lions hunting at night. I can see a needle from a porcupine on my seat. When I stop and pick it up it is so smooth. The big five are what safari guides call lions, leopards, elephants, bulls, and rhinoceros. The guide listens to the radio to know where to go. We get off the jeep and we start chasing the zebras. When we go toward them they turn around and scatter. The zebras are breathing heavily with their tails up. They all run together and it looks like a big white and black mob. Then we quickly get in the jeep. We act like the predators. We hear something loud, it sounds deep and strong like a lion. A leopard is chasing its prey. I see something yellowish, goldish, and hairy in the tall grass. It is a lion’s mane. I can’t believe I am seeing one. It feels so good to finally see a lion. Africa was my favorite place to go. I hope I get to go again because it was so much fun.

Emilio Aristizabal Grade 3
Colorful World

Color Poem

Orange is as sneaky as a tiger.
Blue is as clear as glass
Yellow is as bright as a gold Lambo
Purple is as shiny as amethyst
Green smells like a pear

Esteban Maldonado Grade 4

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Esteban Maldonado Grade 4

My Color Poem

Green is grass growing in my yard
Blue is as clear as water
Red is as hot as lava
Yellow is as bright as a Maserati

Garrison Griffith Grade 4

Lightning

Lightning is striking
Big clouds are in the air
Purple clouds are here

Ryder Lewin Grade 4

Rain

Rain is droplets of water pouring down from above
I found it on my coat and it looked like tiny crystals
It can be frozen or wet
When it's frozen it piles and when it's wet
it glides off your coat and onto the ground
Oh it's Rain, it's not insane.

Laura Kirkpatrick

Gray Grumpy Rain

Rain is all the water
From the clouds
It drops on a gray grumpy day
When it comes out everything is wet
Like your arms, hand, and head
Rain can kind of be Wacky
But only if you're not Snappy
So rain get lost
Because I want to play

Mikey Sinai

Colorful, pretty
Using, applying, wearing
It enhances your beauty

Cosmetics

Tiffany Austin Grade 4

Silver

Silver tastes like metal
Silver feels like a winner
Silver looks like a shield
Silver sounds like a big bang
Silver smells like a soda can

Fiorenza Priano Grade 4

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Fiorenza Priano Grade 4

Blue

Blue sounds like the calm sky.
Blue smells like a chlorine filled pool.
Blue looks like the ocean.
Blue tastes like a blueberry snow cone.
Blue feels like warmth and happiness.

Jordan Poliakoff Grade 4

Blue

Blue sounds like the calm sky.
Blue smells like a chlorine filled pool.
Blue looks like the ocean.
Blue tastes like a blueberry snow cone.
Blue feels like warmth and happiness.

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Trees

Green leaves moving fast
Rustling, blowing in the wind
Leaves float to the ground

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Gray Grumpy Rain

Rain is all the water
From the clouds
It drops on a gray grumpy day
When it comes out everything is wet
Like your arms, hand, and head
Rain can kind of be Wacky
But only if you're not Snappy
So rain get lost
Because I want to play

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