



ITBE's 10th Annual Elementary Poetry Contest



This year's poetry contest was a huge success! There were a total of 134 entries. Thank you to our sponsoring teachers for participating in the contest.

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| Sheryl Bernth | Washington Elementary, Wheaton, IL |
| Don Casper | Washington Elementary, Wheaton, IL |
| Amy Dawes | Welch Elementary, Naperville, IL |
| Dana de la Vega | Lowell Elementary, Wheaton, IL |
| Ruby Halverson | Johnson Elementary, Warrenville, IL |
| Gail LoBue | Clifford Johnson Elementary, Warrenville, IL |
| Camilla Lopez | Washington Elementary, Wheaton, IL |
| Jana Pedemonte | Carrie Busey Elementary, Savoy, IL |
| Robin Richards | Reba Steck Elementary, Aurora, IL |
| Renee Urbanski | Clifford Johnson Elementary, Warrenville, IL |
| Esther Young-Tate | Montessori Magnet, Kankakee, IL |



HERE ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST WINNERS

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| 2 nd Grade winner: | Joseline Moreno |
| 3 rd Grade winner: | Linda Paulino |
| 4 th grade winner: | Tiya Davi |
| 5 th Grade winner: | Daniel Perez |



2ND GRADE ACROSTIC POEMS



First Place: Joseline Moreno

Title: Silvia

Spanish is what my mom speaks

I love her

Loves to cook pasole

Very good at Spanish dancing

I have the best mom ever

Always checks my homework



Second Place: Kelsey Medina

Title: Family

Fun

Awesome

My own family

Is so nice to me

Listens to me when I'm talking

You're the best

2ND GRADE BIO POEMS

First Place: Gabriella Martinez



Gaby

Popular, lovely, wonderful, respectful

Daughter of Lourdes who is a boss at a food store

Love of writing, art, and reading books

Who feels sad when my brother hits me, happy when I get something, and mad when my sister doesn't play fair

Who dreams to be a principal because I want children safe

Who fears scary movies, scary dremes, and when my sister scares me

Who would like to see Willabook Wildlife because animals live there

Second Place: Paulina Martinez



Paulina

Brave, beautiful, lovely and happy.

Daughter of Grisela and Jesus.

Love of watching TV, jumping and cooking.

Who feels sad when my dad is not with me. I am mad when my sister hits me. I am happy when I have my teddybear and her name is Yackey.

Who dreams to be a teacher because I like to teach.

Who fears night, monsters and robirs.

Who would like to see Mexico because I want to see the dansers.

I live in an apartment that is big.

2ND GRADE DIAMANTE POEMS



First Place: Susan Lee

Title: Different Countries

America

huge clean

running playing learning

park squirrels apartment choosuck

cooking reading writing

small beautiful

Korea



Second Place: Alex Kim

Title: Korean

America

Beautiful huge

Walking talking looking

Family New York rice chop sticks

Learning running jogging

Small pretty

Korea

2ND GRADE-HAIKU POEMS



First Place: Miguel Toro

Title: Fall

Butterflies leave us
Bears hibernate all winter
Whales hibernate too.



Second Place: Javier Gonzalez - Martinez

Title: Fall

Chipmunks collect nuts
Collect pine cones from the tree
The owls hoot at night

3RD GRADE - ACROSTIC POEMS



First Place: Omar Lopez

Title: Soccer

Strike the ball out the field.

Offense plays on front to score goals.

Change players when a player gets hurt.

Check how many goals the teams score.

Even teams with eleven players.

Ring the bell when half time or the end of the game



Second Place: Kevin Tuma

Title: Kevin

Kevinas is Kevin in Lithuanian.

Eats Cepelinai my favorite food.

Vacationing in Lithuania this summer! Meeting my cousins for
the 1st time!

I love my mom and dad.

Need to speak Lithuanian when my parents don't know the
English words.

3RD GRADE - BIO POEMS

First Place: Mira Kumar



Mira

Brilliant, talented, respectful, and friendly

Daughter of Melaka, a software engineer and a great cook, and Sai, a software engineer.

Love of playing ping pong, jumping ropes, and dancing.

Who feels excited when I go to India to see my family, joyful when I play, smart in all my classes.

Who dreams to be a doctor, because I love to help people by saving them when they are ill.

Who fears snakes, wild animals and ghosts.

Who would like to see Chennai, India because my family is still there and the city has pretty temples to pray.

Who lives in Naperville because it is clean and pretty.

Second Place: Luis Moreno



Luis
Cool, smart, nice and fun
Son of Luis and Sylvia Moreno
Love of soccer, video games and riding bikes
Who feels confident when it is math time, professional when I ride my bike,
proud when I play soccer
Who dreams to be on a SWAT team because I want to protect my family
Who fears the world ending, monkey bars and falling off my bike
Who would like to see my family in Mexico because I miss my great
grandma
Who lives in Aurora, Illinois that has a big tree for Christmas downtown

3RD GRADE - DIAMANTE POEMS



First Place: Gael Alfaro

Title: Pizza/Pozole

Pizza

Squishy hot

Bite hold taste

Sausage pepperoni hominy pork

Boil chop slurp

Spicy green

Pozole



Second Place: Alexa Labastida

Title: Christmas/Navidad

Christmas

Red, green

Unwrap, decorate, sing

Santa, Baby Jesus, 25th, 24th

Pray, celebrate, eat

Bright, colored

Navidad

3RD GRADE - HAIKU POEMS



First Place: Briseida Garcia

Title: Spring

Butterflies flying
Bees gather sweet gold nectar
The new flowers bloom



Second Place: Joel Guzman

Title: Trees

Trees have long branches
Trees help us to breathe with leaves
Trees make people live

3RD GRADE - OPEN POEMS



First Place: Linda Paulino

Title: Christmas Time

Outside at Christmas time...

Snowflakes flutter to the beautiful,
sparkly, silver ground.

Shiny, icy, solid icicles everywhere.

Beautiful, colorful, shiny lights glowing.

Small, golden bells ringing in the fresh air.

Inside at Christmas time...

Tasty, hot cocoa with marshmallows and
whipped cream.

Big, shiny beautiful Christmas tree.

Families celebrating Baby Jesus.



Second Place: Jollette Rosendo

Title: Christmas Time

Outside at Christmas time...

Christmas trees with lights.

Snowmen with hats on the top.

There is really cold snow to play with.

Carolers sing outside in stores.

Inside at Christmas time...

Colorful lights on the tree.

Tasty hot cocoa with squishy
white marshmallows and whipped cream.

Toys under the Christmas tree.

Families gather together to open presents.

4TH GRADE - ACROSTIC POEMS



First Place: Sudeep Adhikari

Title: Nepal

No winter in Nepal.

Elephants come at night.

People kill police officers.

Animals are dangerous and deadly.

Little kids walk by themselves.



Second Place: Cing Mn Nuam

Title: Burma

Bad guys kill people.

Use trucks to travel for a long trip.

Rats in the house.

Many children like eight or nine year olds baby-sit their little brother or sister.

Animals are dangerous like lions, tigers and bulls.

4TH GRADE - BIO POEMS

First Place: Ahmed Shafiduddin



Ahmed

Cool, tired, shy, and smart

Son of a cashier

Love of collecting rocks; building a home of sticks, and playing Minecraft

Who feels angry when bothered, and happy when I go somewhere, and
tired when I walk too much

Who dreams to be a scientist because I get to do experiments

Who fears when I am alone, when somebody opens the door in the dark,
and scared when I go outside in the dark

Who would like to see London because there are a lot of buildings

Who lives in Carol Stream. Carol Stream is good because there is a park
and the people are nice 😊.



Second Place: Michele Toxqui

Michele

Nice, Happy, Friendly, and Helpful

Daughter of Homemaker and Chef

Love of Art, Computer games, Gym and Crafts

Who feels silly when I talk with my friends, excited about Christmas,
and delighted when my Mom buys me new clothes

Who dreams to be a veterinarian because I love to help dogs

Who fears spiders, rats and scary movies

Who would like to see my grandma, grandpa and sisters who live in
Mexico because I have only seen them one time

Who lives in Warrenville, Illinois a suburb of Chicago

4TH GRADE - DIAMANTE POEMS



First Place: Shirley Zhang

Title: China/USA

China

exciting crowded

dancing studying drawing

friends flowers snow animals

playing studying English laughing

beautiful nice

U.S.A



Second Place (tie): Paola Muñoz-Gallardo

Title: Queretaro/Naperville

Queretaro

busy lively

studying drawing dancing

La Pena de Bernal los arcos seasons Sears Tower

calling friends riding speaking Spanish

famous exciting

Naperville



Second Place (tie): Pedro Cruz

Title: Halloween/Día de los Muertos

Halloween

Black fun

running getting candy scaring

costumes fog parade scellatons

dancing cellabrating the dead playing

beautiful exciting

Día de los Muertos

4TH GRADE - HAIKU POEMS



First Place: Tiya Davi

Title: Flowers

Put seeds in the dirt.
Turning from seed to a sprout.
Blooming beautifully.



Second Place: Eymmy Vargas

Title: Flowers

Colorful flowers

Are red, orange and pink too

Roses, sunflowers

5TH GRADE - ACROSTIC POEMS

First Place: Daniel Perez

Title: Feliz Navidad



Feeling happy

Early morning

Looking for my presents

Irresistible to wait

Zigzagging around the room

New toys

All eat tamales and chorizo

Valuable time with family

I love Christmas!

Dad arranges lights on a tree

Aunts cook lots of food

Dinner is served!



Second Place: Jaclynn Patle

Title: Las Posadas

Lots of children get excited

Act out Joseph and Mary

Surprise ending

People come to celebrate it

Only a Mexican tradition

Sing songs

All will drink "atole"

Dancing together

Another Christmas party

Salsa is delicious

5TH GRADE - BIO POEMS

First Place: Lenny Dimas



Lenny

Beautiful, loving, wonderful, and young

Daughter of Isaias and Lorena

Love of Drawing, singing, and playing outside

Who feels happy all the time, nervous when I am talking in front of people
and funny with my friends and my cousins also

Who dreams to be an Artist because in my house I draw and paint.

Who fears seeing blood, and touching blood and sometimes scary movies

Who would like to see China because I would like to speak their language
and try their food

Who live in a small house in Carol stream U.S.A. and I live with my cousins.

Second Place: Dina Faroha



Dina

Gentle, sometime lazy, polite, and respectful

Daughter of Hiba and Amjad

Love of learning history, going to church, swinging

Who feel nervous from my bad dreams, angry when my sister doesn't
keep her word, and feel hurt when someone is rude to me

Who dreams to be an architect because I love art and designing things

Who fears dark, tornados, and thunder

Who would like to see France because I really want to see my cousin so
badly!

Who live in the U.S.A. because it safe from danger

5TH GRADE - DIAMANTE POEM



First Place: Sunny Kim

Title: Christmas/Choosuk

Christmas
happy fun
playing singing eating
Santa cookies money hanbok
giving cooking laughing
exciting hungry
Choosuk

5TH GRADE - HAIKU POEM



First Place: Ariana Martinez-Garcia

Title: Winter

Playing in the snow
Throwing snow balls at Bryan
Cold, white, wet, water