

# ITBE's 10<sup>th</sup> 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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## HERE ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST WINNERS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade winner: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade winner: 4<sup>th</sup> grade winner: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade winner:
- Joseline Moreno Linda Paulino Tiya Davi Daniel Perez



## 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> 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



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.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE DIAMANTE POEMS



First Place: Susan Lee Title: Different Countries

America huge clean running playing learning park squirrels apartment choosuck cooking reading writing small beatiful 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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE - ACROSTIC POEMS

First Place: Omar Lopez Title: Soccer

PLACE

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 1<sup>st</sup> time!

I love my mom and dad.

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

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Pray, celebrate, eat Bright, colored Navidad

### 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

## 3<sup>RD</sup> 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: Jolette 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.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

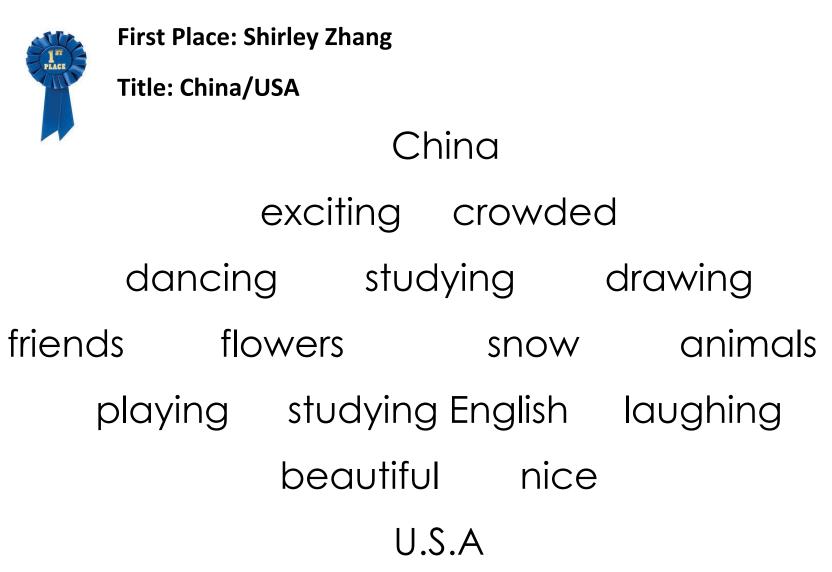
Who would like to see London because there are a lot of buildings Who lives in Carol Stream. Carol Stream is good because there is a park and the people are nice ©.

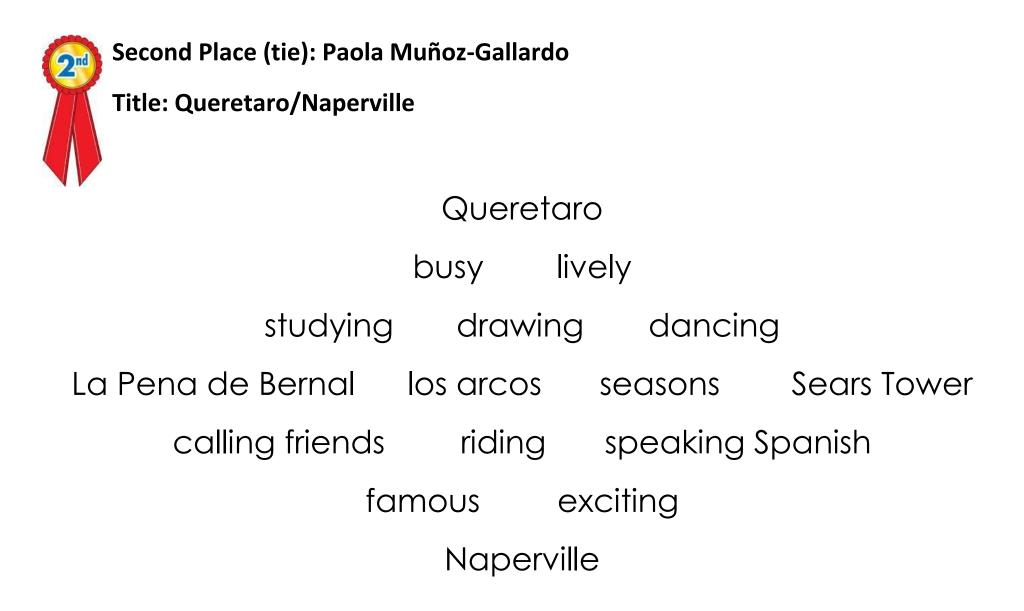


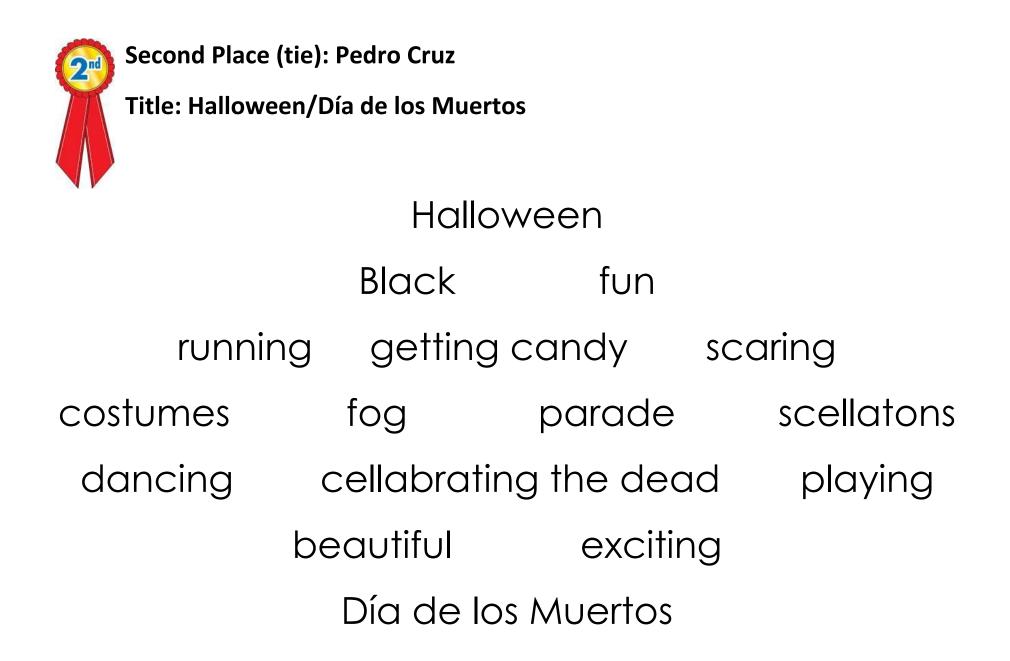
## Second Place: Michele Toxqui

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

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - DIAMANTE POEMS







## 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - HAIKU POEMS

First Place: Tiya Davi

**Title: Flowers** 

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





Second Place: Eymmy Vargas

**Title: Flowers** 

# Colorful flowers Are red, orange and pink too Roses, sunflowers

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

 $\boldsymbol{V}$  aluable time with family

l love Christmas!

**D**ad 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



#### 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE · HAIKU POEM



First Place: Ariana Martinez-Garcia Title: Winter

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