



## **ITBE's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Elementary Poetry Contest**



**This year's poetry contest had a total of 137 entries. Congratulations to the winning students and their sponsoring teachers.**

Sheryl Bernth	Washington Elementary, Wheaton, IL
Don Casper	Washington Elementary, Wheaton, IL
Brian T. Clark	Washington Elementary, Wheaton, IL
Patti Gebner	Emerson Elementary, Wheaton, IL
Natalie Hanson	Carey Busey Elementary School, Savoy, IL
Bob Kang	Westchester Primary School, Westchester, IL
Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary, Warrenville, IL
Disa Loizzo	Clifford Johnson Elementary, Warrenville, IL
Alysa Lueondee	Lowell Elementary School, Wheaton, IL
Jana Pedemonte	Carrie Busey Elementary, Savoy, IL
Alison LaManna	Pleasant Hill Elementary, Warrenville, IL
Robin Richards	Fry Elementary, Naperville, IL
Kimberly Seaman	Pleasant Hill Elementary, Winfield, IL
Renee Urbanski	Clifford Johnson Elementary, Warrenville, IL

### **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:**

**Daniel Arevalo**  
**Satvika Parthasarathy**  
**Jazmin Lopez**  
**Tiya Davi**



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



First Place: Daniel Arevalo

Title: Dias Los Muertos



Day to remember the dead

Is part of life

And we leave food

Some people stay home

Lonely family members

On November first, second

Sing songs that their loved ones liked

Many children celebrate it

Usually give drinks

Everyone looks at pictures

Ready for games

Tell stories

Outside in cemeteries

Special times



**Second Place: Jared Ferreyra**

**Title: Dia De Los Ninos**

Day to celebrate children

**In Mexico only**

All families get together

**Do exciting things**

Everyone hugs their kids

**Lots of parties**

On that day people play and sing

**Special holiday**

Never forget you're a child

**I am happy forever**

No school today

**Outside we dance**

Smiling faces

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

First Place: Jair Armenta



### Jair

Hilarious, young, brave, and respectful

Son of Clara and Odilon

Love of playing soccer, drawing flags, and going outside

Who feels mad when my baby scratches me, happy when I go outside, and upset when my mom doesn't buy me something that I want

Who dreams to be an author becausee I like to write

Who fears screaming monsters, Godzilla, and King Kong

Who would like to see my cousins house because they have a trampaling

I live in Carol Stream. By my house there is a little park that I sometimes like to go



## Second Place: Karina Monterrosa

Karina

Beautiful, Musical, hardworking, smart.

Daughter of Patty and Jose.

Love of coloring myself, writing letters, and running in games.

Who feels happy when I spend time with my sister and niece, and sad when I am with no one, and afraid when I watch scary movies.

Who dreams to be a teacher when I grow up so can write on the whiteboard and give home work to take home for the kids.

Who fears the darkness and spiders and wolves.

Who would like to see New York because I like to see the cars.

Who lives in a town house that has a small yard and made out of bricks.

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



**First Place: Eileen Lopez**

**Title: Honduras - USA**

Honduras

Hot      humid

Speaking Spanish      drawing      cooking

Rain      parrots      parents      soccer

Snowball      fighting      sledding      skating

cold      hot

USA



**Second Place (tie): Jariely Guiracocha**

**Title: Ecuador - USA**

Ecuador

Warm fun

Speaking Spanish playing with my cousins playing volleyball

Peace cousins animals friends

Speaking English\*\* playing soccer snowball fighting

Beautiful cold

USA

\*\* Word was edited after being judged.



**Second Place (tie): Sarisa Chansilp**

**Title: Bangkok & Washington D.C.**

Bangkok

Hot      crowded

Working      going to temples      celebrating King's Day

New Year's water fight      king      president      New Year's countdown

Visiting monuments      going to church      celebrating Presidents Day

Cold      small state

Washington D.C.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE-HAIKU POEMS



**First Place: Maria Sakowicz**

**Title: Penguins**

Live in the artic  
Swim in the freezing water  
Walk in the cold snow

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**Second Place: Crystal Zarco**

**Title: Polar Bears**

Swim in the artic  
They eat raw and yummy fish  
Their color is white

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



First Place: Satvika Parthasarathy  
Title: Diwali



**D**ancing

**I** wish for something good on Diwali night

**W**e wish people Happy Diwali

**A** sparkler at night time

**L**ots of beautiful lights

**I** get so many presents



**Second Place: Katie Ly**

**Title: Vietnam**

*Vietnamese is my family language  
I call my mom and dad Me and Ba  
Eat rice*

*Tasty Vietnamese food*

*Never met my Grandpa in Vietnam*

*A nice family*

*Nice brothers*

*Easy to speak and write Vietnamese*

*Sit and listen to Grandma read Vietnamese books*

*Easy to read Vietnamese books*

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



First Place: Gabriella Martinez

*Gaby*

*Athletic, excited, respectful, and wonderul*

*Daughter of Lourdes who cooks delicious food*

*Love of listening to music, like to do art, and dancing*

*Who feels mad when my mom does not listen to me, who feels sad when something of mine breaks, and scared when my family scares me*

*Who dreams to be a singer, dancer, and an artist because I want to follow my sister's footsteps*

*Who fears scary movies, forests, and bison like I saw on my vacation*

*Who would like to see the wildness because I like animals*

*Who would like to see Chicago Shedd Aquarium because I want to see the beluga whales dancing in the water*

*Who lives in Carol Stream, Illinois. Over by my house there's a lake where it is peaceful.*



**Second Place: Ashley Martinez**

**Ashley**

**Funny, Kind, Charming and Thoughtful**

**Daughter of Hearing Aid Worker and Army Soldier**

**Love of Running, Art, Games, and Dogs**

Who feels elated when I'm with my family, ecstatic when my dad comes back from the Army and joyful when my cousins don't argue

**Who dreams to be a Doctor because I want to take care of people**

**Who fears snakes, rats, and cockroaches**

**Who would like to see my Dad because he is serving in the Army in Cuba**

**Who lives in the best suburban town with great shopping  
Warrenville, Illinois**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE ~ DIAMANTE POEMS



First Place: Alejandro Vargas

Title: Mexico / America

Mexico

warm, beautiful

horseriding, bullriding, working

tamales, chicken, fries, pizza

working, running, swimming

exciting, cold

America



**Second Place (tie): Miguel Rios**

**Title: Crab / Scorpion**

Crab

Big, aggressive

Swimming, pinching, working

Beach, sea, desert, sand

Stinging, walking, crawling

Dangerous, poisonous

Scorpion



**Second Place (tie): Alex Kim**

**Title: Korean Schools / American Schools**

Korean schools

Tall buildings

crowded hallways

Studying

learning

writing

No recess

rice & kimchi

Yes recess

pizza & cheese bread

Playing

reading

celebrating birthdays

Quiety hallways

short buildings

American schools



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



**First Place: Luis Perez**

**Title: Snakes**

Snakes slither through trees  
Some snakes could be poisonous  
Snakes wiggle their tails



**Second Place (tie): Helena Nur**

**Title: Snow**

Snow is wet and white  
Snow is very, very slow  
Snow foles on the ground



**Second Place (tie): Aida Mondavi-Sobbi**

**Title: Winter Haiku**

*Cold wind on my face  
I really like winter time  
I see a snow flake*

### **3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE - OPEN POEMS**



**First Place: Jessica Garcia**

**Title: La Pascua**

On the day of the dead we celebrate  
who died in our family.

We gather to eat the food we have.

Buns and hot chocolate.

I love the day of the dead.

We celebrate!



**Second Place: Emily Hernandez-Espinal**

**Title: Day of the Dead**

My family goes to the church of San Andres.

The pastor hides the eggs.

The kids need to find the eggs.

We find money and candy in the eggs.

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



**First Place: Jessica Kim**

**Title: Hanbok**

Hanbok is a traditional colths in Korea.

All of Korean people can wear them.

National tradition

Beautiful dress for girls to wear

One of the beautiful dress in Korea.

Korea is the best place to live.



**Second Place: Emil Qashou**

**Title: Falafel**

Falafel is delicious

A food that you eat with hummus

Lemon and olive oil are inside

A perfect thing for breakfast

Fat and have fun

Let's make hummus

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



First Place: Jazmin Lopez



Jazmin

Happy, Kind, Friendly, and Cheerful

Daughter of homemaker and factory worker

Love of art, playing board games and challenging myself with  
computer games

Who feels glad when I go to the pool, joyful while I go to  
school and cheerful when I go to the park

Who dreams to be a doctor because I want to help people feel  
better

Who fears sharks, snakes, and cats

Who would like to see Mexico to visit my cousins because  
I love to play with them

Who lives in a suburb of Chicago that has many houses and stores



**Second Place: Stefany Heredia**

**Stefany**

**Lovely, Cheerful, Careful and Friendly**

**Daughter of dishwasher and chef**

**Love of drawing, playing with my cousins and caring about animals**

**I feel happy while it's Christmas, excited when I go see my cousins,  
and cheerful when I go to see my friends**

**I dream to be a kindergarten or first grade teacher because I  
want to help children read**

**Who fears are scary monsters, zombies and sharks**

**Who would like to see Mexico and Spain to visit my cousins  
because I really miss them**

**Who lives in a town with many apartments and places to shop in  
Warrenville, Illinois**



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



First Place: Pyungahn Kim

Title: Korean Food / American Food

**KOREAN FOOD / AMERICAN FOOD**

**KIMCHI**

**SPICY      SOUR**

**SEASON    REFRIGERATE    ENJOY**

**CABBAGE      CHOPSTICKS      BEEF    VEGETABLES**

**MUNCH    GO-OUT    DRIVE-THRU**

**JUICY      MEATY**

**HAMBURGER**



**Second Place: Huey Park**

**Title: Mexican / Korean**

Mexican food / Korean food

Tacos

Spicy salty food

Be happy drink water smile

Bureto taceto sushi curry

Smile slurp eat

Mild spicy

noodles

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



First Place: Joshua Thang

Title: Snow Haiku

SNOW IS VERY COLD

MAKE AN IGLOO IN THE SNOW

WE HAVE SNOWBALL FIGHTS!



Second Place: David Dimas

Title: Winter Haiku

**Mittens, scarves, hats, boots**

**I like to make a snowman**

**Winter's very cold**

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - ACROSTIC POEMS



**First Place: Pedro Cruz**

**Title: Family**

Family for Christmas  
Always exciting for presents  
My family loves to eat ham for Christmas  
I love to play in the snow with my sisters  
Love to give them presents  
Ya! For Christmas eve with our family

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - BIO POEMS

First Place: Jeffrey Valdez



**Jeffrey**

**Friendly, polite, encouraging, and charming**

**Son of construction worker and homemaker**

**Love of Karate, PE, Art, and Music**

**I feel thrilled when it's Christmas and I open my**

**Presents, glad while I am playing with my best**

**Friends, delighted when I went to the fair in Salinas, California**

**Who dreams to be in the Army to fight for our**

**country's freedom**

**Who fears python snakes, white grizzly bears, and**

**fury tarantula spiders**

**Who would like to visit my grandparents, and my cousins in Mexico**

**because I only saw them when I was baby**

**Who lives in Warrenville, Illinois suburb of Chicago,**

**where many Spanish speakers live**

## Second Place: Yilekale Yimune



Yilekale

Athletic, courageous, fabulous, and magical

Son of Kaleab, the chord maker

Love of soccer, football and reading

Who feels excited when I play soccer, happy  
when I read, grateful for my friends

Who dreams to be a soccer player because I like soccer, and I am good  
soccer player

Who fears people jumping out of dark

Who would like to see New York because I want  
To see the statue of liberty and sky scarpers

Who live in Wheaton in apartment

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ~ DIAMANTE POEM



First Place: Tiya Davi

Title: Diwali & Christmas



Diwali

Nice      loud

Lighting candles      dressing      looking at the fireworks

Pakistan      sari      tree      presents

Sleeping      wrapping      enjoying

Quiet      fun

Christmas





**Second Place: Ryan Kim**

**Title: Choosuk & Christmas**

Choosuk

thankful

serious

bowing

setting the table

wearing hanbok

rice cake soup

family

Santa Claus

presents

making Christmas trees

giving

snow fighting

awesome

cold

Christmas