ITBE’s 11th Annual Elementary Poetry Contest

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

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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

2nd Grade winner: Daniel Arevalo
3rd Grade winner: Satvika Parthasarathy
4th grade winner: Jazmin Lopez
5th Grade winner: Tiya Davi
2nd 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
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
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 because I like to write
Who fears screaming monsters, Godzila, 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 homework 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 houses that has a small yard and made out of bricks.
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.
First Place: Maria Sakowicz  
Title: Penguins

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

Second Place: Crystal Zarco  
Title: Polar Bears

Swim in the artic  
They eat raw and yummy fish  
Their color is white
Dancing
I wish for something good on Diwali night
We wish people Happy Diwali
A sparkler at night time
Lots of beautiful lights
I get so many presents
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
Gaby
Athletic, excited, respectful, and wonderful
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
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
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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
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.
First Place: Jessica Kim
Title: Hanbok

Hanbok is a traditional clothes 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
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
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
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
4th Grade - Haiku Poems

First Place: Joshua Thang
Title: Snow Haiku

Snow is very cold
Make an igloo in the snow
We have snowball fights!
Mittens, scarves, hats, boots
I like to make a snowman
Winter’s very cold
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
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
Diwali

Nice    loud

Lighting candles    dressing    looking at the fireworks
Pakistan    sari    tree    presents
Sleeping    wrapping    enjoying

Quiet    fun

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