

**Illinois ITBE is proud to announce the winners of the 2019 Elementary Poetry Contest. There were a total of 164 entries. Congratulations to the 12 teacher sponsors and the writers of the winning poems!**

Andrea Barbel Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville  
 Don Casper Washington Elementary, Wheaton  
 Melissa Chiappini Lowell Elementary, Wheaton  
 Brian Clark Washington Elementary, Wheaton  
 Betsy Cox Southern View Elementary School, Springfield  
 Donna DeVito Madison Elementary School, Hinsdale

Andrea Fridley Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield  
 Melissa Koenig Lowell Elementary, Wheaton  
 Gail LoBue Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville  
 Ewa Pitcher Willow Bend, Rolling Meadows  
 Kimberly Seaman Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield  
 Jo Turner Lowell Elementary, Wheaton

## Newcomer Award of Merit

*This is the fourth year that ITBE has given out this award to one student per grade level. In order to qualify for this award, judges chose a student who has attended school in the U.S. for twelve months or less. (This information was taken off of the cover sheet.) In addition, the student did not win in any other category.*

**Grade level Winner Sponsoring Teacher**

**Third** Gabriel Karolyi Melissa Chiappini  
**Fourth** Giselle Rosales Ramirez Don Casper  
**Fifth** Ella Yan Donna DeVito

## Second Grade Winners

Type of Poem	Placement	Title	Student's Name	Sponsoring Teacher	School
Acrostic	First Place*	Mexico	Logan Cuatle	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Acrostic	Second Place	Bayram	Kamil Turba	Donna DeVito	Madison Elementary School, Hinsdale
Bio	First Place	Nayely	Nayely Gonzales	Betsy Cox	Southern View Elementary School, Springfield
Bio	Second Place	Felipe	Felipe Alonzo-Perez	Betsy Cox	Southern View Elementary School, Springfield
Diamante	First Place	Mexican Food Vs American	Jaide Bautista	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Diamante	Second Place	Mexico/America	Celeste Cruz	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Haiku	First Place	Mountains	Jun Dalton	Donna DeVito	Madison Elementary School, Hinsdale
Haiku	Second Place	Horses	Karina Zemblys	Donna DeVito	Madison Elementary School, Hinsdale
Open	First Place	No Entries			

## Third Grade Winners

Acrostic	First Place	Little Brother	Rafael Montoya Perez	Andrea Fridley	Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield
Acrostic	Second Place	Prajwal	Prajwal Rai	Andrea Fridley	Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield
Bio	First Place	Reyna	Reyna Chairez Garcia	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Bio	Second Place	Julian	Julian Huerta	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Diamante	First Place	Christmas/Thanksgiving	Chris Saenz Palencia	Andrea Fridley	Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield
Diamante	Second Place	Gabriela/Angel	Delia Lemus	Andrea Fridley	Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield
Haiku	First Place	snow	Brissa Huerta	Andrea Barbel	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Haiku	Second Place	Winter Snow	Osme Dee	Melissa Koenig	Lowell Elementary, Wheaton
Open	First Place*	My Family Is My Universe	Marlon Ponce Esquivel	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Open	Second Place	India	Shreya Byreddy	Ewa Pitcher	Willow Bend, Rolling Meadows

## Fourth Grade Winners

Acrostic	First Place	Snowflakes	Camila Gallegos	Andrea Barbel	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Acrostic	Second Place	Day of the Dead	Sarahi Vazquez	Brian Clark	Washington Elementary, Wheaton
Bio	First Place*	All About Me	Esther Kim	Melissa Chiappini	Lowell Elementary School, Wheaton
Bio	Second Place	Melanie	Melanie Sanchez	Andrea Barbel	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Diamante	First Place	Soccer/Basketball	Carlos Garcia	Andrea Barbel	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Diamante	Second Place	Mexican Food Vs American Food	Brian Villa-Romero	Brian Clark	Washington Elementary, Wheaton
Haiku	First Place	Jaguar	Hector Perez	Andrea Barbel	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Haiku	Second Place	Cold Weather	Rafael Roa	Melissa Koenig	Washington Elementary, Wheaton
Open	First Place	Pozole	Joseluis Vivaldo Proa	Brian Clark	Washington Elementary, Wheaton
Open	Second Place	Gorditas	Brian Medina-Gomez	Brian Clark	Washington Elementary, Wheaton

## Fifth Grade Winners

Acrostic	First Place*	Dia de los Muertos	Jasmin Tellez	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Acrostic	Second Place	Noche Buena	Miguel Gutierrez	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Bio	First Place	Angelica	Angelica Cervantes Romero	Brian Clark	Washington Elementary, Wheaton
Bio	Second Place	Adam	Adam Ahmed	Betsy Cox	Southern View Elementary School, Springfield
Diamante	First Place	School	Ranjana Rai	Jo Turner	Lowell Elementary, Wheaton
Diamante	Second Place	Dia de los Muertos/Halloween	Jonathan Melxueiro Garcia	Gail LoBue	Clifford Johnson Elementary School, Warrenville
Haiku	First Place	Moon	Mariana Hernandez	Kimberly Seaman	Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield
Haiku	Second Place	Universe	Dylan Nguyen	Kimberly Seaman	Pleasant Hill Elementary School, Winfield
Open	First Place	My Life Is Wonderful	Winona Thomas	Ewa Pitcher	Willow Bend, Rolling Meadows

