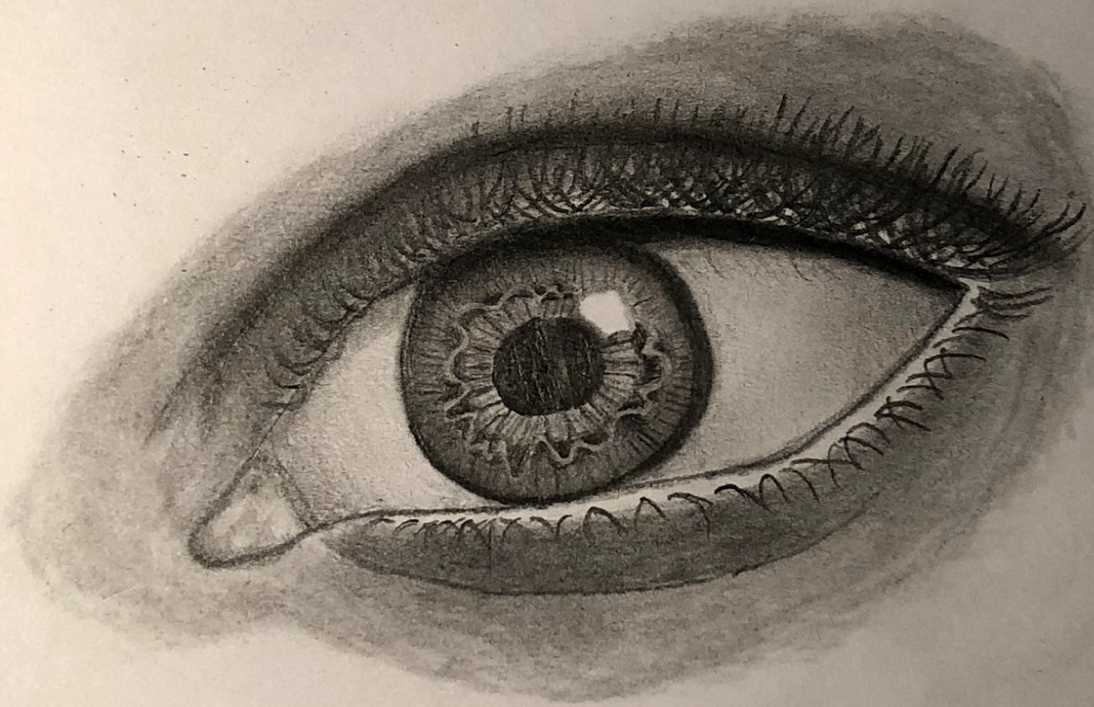


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# GRADE 5



### **Haiku**

We unite to fight  
Darkness that is still in sight.  
So unite, not fight.

by Samer Anshasi

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### **Minecraft**

Minecraft is original  
It is my favorite game  
Now Minecraft is getting its biggest update  
Everything In the world is being redone  
Crazy new features are being added  
Really crazy monsters are being put in  
Amazing blocks and biomes are coming too  
Fun mechanics are also being added  
Tools that help you build machines are being added

by Zachary Anthenelli

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### **Video Games**

Very  
Interesting  
Digital  
Exciting  
Out of this world  
Galactic  
Addicting  
Monsterous  
Excellent  
Super fun games

by Julian Apilado

### **Haiku: Monkeys**

Swinging on a vine  
Always wanting bananas  
Monkeys don't sit still

by Eva Arana

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### **Swim Team**

My coach is named Pat  
He has a twin brother named Matt.  
He trains us to swim fast  
So we don't end up coming in last.  
We are the Water Wrats!

by Callum Benderoth

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### **A Weird Day**

I don't want to go to school today  
it ain't my birthday  
but I'll have fun today  
Or I'll be castaway  
So let's go underway

by Grayson P. Breen



## Seasonal Haikus

### Spring

Spring is cold and hot  
Spring has a lot of pollen  
Spring has cold long winds

### Summer

Summer makes dark tans  
Summer is windy at beach  
Summer is so hot

### Fall

Fall makes leaves fall down  
Fall makes us wear thick jackets  
Fall makes us rake leaves

### Winter

Winter makes things freeze  
Winter makes tires blow out  
Winter makes cold snow

by Yohan Brito

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### Summer

Swimming at the beach  
Underwater swimming  
Mosquitos everywhere  
Making sand castles  
Eating fresh fruits  
Relaxing in the warm sun

by Harlynn Byelick

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### The Cat Named Matt

I once had a cat  
His name was Matt  
He ate my whole shoe  
That's 100% true

by Jessi Cafro

## **Basketball**

Basketball  
Orange, Round  
Bounces, Rolls, Spins  
Makes me want to play  
Ball

by Ivan Chen

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## **Whose Video Game?**

Whose video game is that? I think I know  
Its owner is quite happy though.  
I watch him, I laugh, I cry  
I count my dimes  
Full of joy like a vivid rainbow

by Chase Cole

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## **Five Senses**

M&M's are my favorite candy  
I see bright colors RED, YELLOW, GREEN, and BLUE  
I smell CHOCOLATE  
I taste a wonderful mix of cream and malt flavor and a sugary shell  
I hear a loud crunch when I bite one  
I feel a small, round, hard, circle  
Do they melt in your hand?

by Luciana Cornejo

House  
Warming, Comfortable  
Comforting, Heating, Entertaining  
Multiple Rooms, Shelter, Roads, Cars  
Cars zooming, people talking, walking  
Unreliable, Uncomfortable  
Streets

by Andrew DaCruz

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### **Winter**

Windy  
Icicles hang from houses  
Never hot  
The grass is dead  
Everything is covered in snow  
Roads covered in snow

by Anissa Desai

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### **Fire**

Fire is red, orange, and yellow  
Fire tastes like burning charcoal  
Fire sounds like twigs snapping  
Fire smells like food burning  
Fire looks like a blaze of lava  
Fire make me feel warm

by Jordan Emmanuel

## **Maryam**

Hilarious  
Annoying {a little bit}  
Paint specialist  
Part part whole  
Your friend

by Maryam Farooq

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## **Pizza**

I smell the food  
I feel happy  
I see it in the oven  
I hear people eating  
YUM YUM  
It called my name  
I taste TASTY pizza  
YUM

by Sean Finch

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There are waves at the beach  
Some strong others weak  
You build sandcastles all day  
And do other things while you play  
Like swimming, tag ,you do it all  
You even play volleyball  
It's sad that this day has to end  
But the beach is always there my friend

by Jailyn Forbes

Water  
Wet, clear  
Slip, swim, drink  
Aqua, H<sub>2</sub>O; blaze, inferno  
Burn, cook, melt  
Hot, bright  
Fire

by Charlie Ford

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Once there was a giraffe from the zoo.  
To scare his friends. He said "BOO!"  
His friends got scared and ran away.  
He said, "Wait, are you OK?"  
He waited and "BOO!"  
His friends had played a prank on him, too.

by Rohin Garg

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Fruit  
Red, crunchy, delicious, sweet  
Playing, eating  
Delicious watermelon

by Shanel Garrido

## Baseball

Bases are white, bandanas are yellow.  
Oh, my--can I find the right pitcher?  
Or else I will never go out there alone.  
But why? says little Timmy.  
Because there is no pitcher.  
Come on, give me another job, says Timmy.  
But the coach found no pitcher  
Until he saw a little boy with red socks  
And a yellow hat he thought he could be the pitcher.  
And he said, Timmy you are the batter.  
Then Timmy was excited.  
Then the team won.

by Camila Gomez-Ventura

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Beaches can be hot,  
Rays of sunlight shine on me,  
Beaches are like warmth.

by Meghan Gupta

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Green is nature  
It tastes like kiwi  
It sounds like trees swaying in the wind  
It smells like freshly cut grass  
It looks like trees in the summer  
It makes me feel calm

by Isabella Hernandez

Money  
Green dirty  
Raining spending losing  
Mad joy crazy sad  
Currency

by Anthony High

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**Red**

Red is the color of roses.  
Red is the feeling when I'm mad.  
Red is the humid color of heat.  
Red smells like a red Expo marker.  
Red tastes like red hot Cheetos.  
Red sounds like the growling of a dog.  
Red looks like a bright red dress just bought.  
Red feels like the heat touching my skin on a hot summer day.  
Red makes me want to put a tank-top and shorts on.  
Red makes me want to scream, shout, and yell.  
Red smells like the flowers blooming in spring.  
Red is a dark, scary, devil color.

by Rebecca Inciong

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So hot everyday  
Unable to freeze  
Never wear sweaters  
Not even a chill  
You have a great sunny day

by Alessandro Izeppi

Moon  
Bright, White  
Moving, Crossing, Glowing  
I feel happy  
Luna

by Raima Jain

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### **My Lucky Socks**

Do you want to know why these are my lucky socks?  
I got them from a man. He had a funny name, Ox.  
They had rainbows and glitter all over the place.  
Some of the glitter even got on my face.  
I went to school and people started staring.  
I wasn't sure why because no one is that caring.  
Soon they cheered for me and started bowing down  
And that's when I knew that I would wear these year round.

by Savannah Karim

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### **Soccer Ball**

Sphere with many pentagons  
On the ground it rolls  
Cross kicks between teammates  
Creating opportunities to score  
Exciting goals  
Right in the opponents goal

Back out on the green field  
A sphere with many pentagons rolls  
Left kick, pass, right kick  
Let me score!

by Benny Korol



Family is import as important as you  
Any time any where,your are family will care  
Many don't see the good old family deed  
I hope that You see the importance of a family  
Later on you will see the greatness in all families  
You will soon wish YOU had a family

by Melany Landa

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Snowflake  
Tiny, Delicate  
Falling, Blowing, Dancing  
Make me feel calm  
Snow

by Priya Lele

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### **Cinquain**

Cats  
Friendly, soft  
Sleeping, playing, walking  
Makes me feel loved  
Feline

by Makayla Lewis

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The sun beaming while I walk  
While I listen to birds talk  
Flowers swaying to the breeze  
Listening to all the buzzing bees  
Coloring on the road with chalk

by Jessie Liu

White looks like a blank piece of paper to me.  
White tastes like milk.  
White sounds like paper ripping.  
White smells like a vanilla colore.  
White looks like a t-shirt.  
White makes you feel fancy.

by Antonio Llanes

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### **Dad**

My dad  
He is kind, helpful, and caring  
Takes care of us  
He is loving  
With a heart of gold  
My dad

by Ava LoRe

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### **Haiku**

Peppa pig wants to  
Get a new goldfish tattoo  
That will be so nice.

by Kaitlyn Macaulay

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### **Fall**

Fall is orange.  
It tastes like cinnamon.  
It sounds like leaves crunching on the ground.  
It smells like maple trees.  
It looks like a swirl of color.  
It makes me feel warm.

by Kavina Malhotra

## **Blue**

Blue is the color of the ocean.  
Blue is a beautiful color.  
Blue is the color of the sky.  
Blue is the color of some eyes.  
Blue smells like violets.  
Blue tastes like a blueberry smoothie.  
Blue sounds like blue waves crashing against each other.  
Blue looks like a blueberry.  
Blue feels like rain dripping on my hands.  
Blue makes me feel happy.  
Blue is my favorite color.

by Brielle Moberly

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Ball  
Red, white  
Hit, catch, throw  
Makes me feel happy  
Baseball

by Alexander Morales

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## **Grades**

**G**rowth  
**R**eal  
**A**nnoying  
**D**isconcerting  
**E**ducational  
**S**tressful

by Luke Murray

There was a boy in a canoe  
We don't know why he was in a canoe  
He passed by an ox  
That said socks  
So he put his socks in a box

by Nora Naser

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### **Haiku**

Trees high above me  
Towerind trunks of old age  
Many leaves in the spring

by Neil Nikhil

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### **Yellow**

Yellow is the sun looking down on me.  
Yellow is the yolk inside an egg.  
Yellow is the color of golden earrings.  
Yellow is when I hit the tennis ball with my racket.  
Yellow is when ducks swim in a crystal pond.  
Yellow is as bright as the stars twinkling in the nighttime sky.  
Yellow is the color of ripe mangoes hanging on trees of India.  
Yellow smells like a field of daisies on a warm spring morning.  
Yellow tastes like drinking lemonade on a hot summer day.  
Yellow looks like the school bus arriving at my house.  
Yellow feels like the sand brushing between my toes at the beach.  
Yellow makes me want to go outside and play.  
Yellow is a cheerful color.

by Sonia Nikhil

## **Music**

Makes life livelier  
Used to calm down when people are mad or sad  
Soothing to my ears  
Is the best!  
Can have different types of it.

by Anaya Offiong

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Playful, joyful  
Growing, running, playing  
Make me feel energized  
Pomeranian

by Arya Patel

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Penguin  
Flightless, Gentle  
Swimming, Flipping, Freezing  
Wandering in the Arctic  
Bird

by Shriya Patel

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## **Mask**

Uncomfortable, safe  
Covers face, protects, prevents spreading the virus  
Helps more than you think it does  
Face covering

by Tahi Patel

### **Tacos**

Tempting foods on the window display  
As the cheese melts  
Crowding ingredients to create pleasant foods  
On the stunning carts on the  
Sides of the park.

by Andrew Pazmino

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### **Coat**

Can keep you warm in cold weather  
Outside is cold in winter times  
A rainy weather is a time to be dry  
The hotter days is no need to be warm

by Sean Presley

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### **My Lucky Penny**

My lucky penny  
I found my penny one winter day,  
I gave it to my brother hoping it would stay,  
He kept the penny in the car  
And he took it to places near and far.  
My brother took it inside and out,  
He didn't even want to put it in his bank account.

One day he gave it back to me and I asked why,  
He said that it's good luck, and waved the penny goodbye.

by Isabella Rivera

## **Green**

Green is one of my favorite colors  
Green is nature's color  
Green is my dad's favorite color  
Green is in my house  
Green is everywhere  
Green reminds me of Italy  
Green makes me relaxed

by Ali Sana

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## **Cat**

Little, young  
Playing jumping, eating  
Ball, treats, fetch, rope  
Nibbling, fetching, licking  
Funny, playful  
Kitten

by Podromos Johnny Sarafoglu

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Smells like flowers  
People like the weather  
Rain is pouring  
I like to be outside in spring  
No! It's raining  
Go and enjoy the weather

by Camila Sazo

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**Good at softball**  
**Runs fast**  
**An awesome friend**  
**Curious all the time**  
**Energetic person**

by Grace Schroeder

### **Haiku**

Summer pool parties  
The sun shining down on us  
Summer is awesome

by Marcus Shi

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### **Trip**

I'm all packed up to go on our trip.  
I sure hope it will be a joy trip.  
I'm heading south and all about,  
With my brother named Scout.  
He's my five-year-old brother and littler than I,  
But all the while funnier than I.  
Can't wait to see the south  
I hope it's sunny and bright.  
But wait a minute.  
Where's my brother?

by Aiden Shulca

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### **Skeleton**

Skeletons help us move, and make us not on the ground  
Keeps you safe  
Everyday it functions  
Let's you do everything we do  
Even at night it functions  
There's a skeleton you can do  
On every day  
Names for each one of them

by Aditya Sinha



## Red

Red is the color of love  
It tastes like apple juice  
It sounds like kids playing in the leaves during fall  
It smells like roses  
It looks like blood  
It makes me feel angry

by Maria Siskopoulos

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## Yellow

**Yellow** is the jumpy feeling that I get when I receive an A+ on a test.  
**Yellow** is the sound of someone whispering in my ear, "Everything is going to be okay."  
**Yellow** is the sun bringing back everyone's spirit on a warm summer day.  
**Yellow** is the color that says to me, "Don't worry, be happy!"  
**Yellow** smells like the indescribable fragrance of beautiful tulips blooming in the spring.  
**Yellow** tastes like ice cold lemonade, pouring into my mouth.  
**Yellow** sounds like a rainbow, leading me to a pot of gold.  
**Yellow** looks like butter, smooth and rich enough to smear on a nice, crisp slice of toast.

by Shruthi Sridhar

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The wonderful sun  
Birds chirping in the morning  
Kids splashing around

by Matthew Stevinson

## Baseball

Bat  
At bat  
Single  
Evil umpire  
Base  
Athlete  
Lefty  
Left field

Pitch  
Inning  
Team  
Catcher  
Home plate  
Equipment  
RBI

Catcher  
At bat  
Throw  
Curve ball  
Hard ball  
Evil umpire  
Relief pitcher

Home run  
Out of the park  
MVP  
Event  
Run  
Umpire  
National league

by Julian Stock

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## Librarians

Librarians all around can help you find a book.  
Index helps with words in a book.  
Books of your choice  
Reference  
Author  
Read  
Yearbook

by Kimberly Velasquez

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Among us, among us, who could it be?  
How many imposters: one, two, or three?  
Finish your task and win the big game  
Before you die and suffer the pain.

by Jolie Williams

Computers are cool  
They read and run binary  
They are mind-blowing

by Julian Zhang



# GRADE 6



Fun Spring  
Spring is very damp  
Rain provides the nice flowers  
The wet dancing dew  
Spring makes it very humid  
Spring is wet nice and fun splash

by Tristan Alarcon

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### **Anger**

Anger is red.  
It sounds like ringing.  
It smells like sharp, broken glass.  
It tastes like fire in your mouth.  
It looks like a piece of ripped up paper scattered on the floor.  
Anger feels like a shirt that doesn't fit.

by Quinn Baker

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### **The Beach**

Seagulls sailing high.  
Taking a walk on the beach.  
Hot sand on my feet.  
Salty summer ocean breeze.  
The ocean waves crash on land.

by Kathryn Battaglia

## **Skittles**

Skittles are spectacular  
Skittles of all shapes and sizes  
Big packs of blue skittles  
Small bags of sour skittles  
Skittles make me sugar high,

Green skittles as green as grass,  
Yellow skittles as bright as a banana,

Skittles are inexplicably good  
Skittles fulfill my dreams  
Satisfying skittles  
Skittles every day  
Skittles sprinting into my mouth,

Skittles make me want to eat more of this sour candy.  
Devouring skittles with my friends  
Sai, Stefano, and Salvatore,

Skittles are little yet  
Skittles are  
Spectacular.

by David Begarney



## **Always Changing World, Ever Same Ocean**

I'm always looking down and frowning  
My head is a confusing jumble  
The beauty and the danger of the ocean  
The way you can never really tame it

I tell myself it will be okay  
Everything is changing and I can't stop it  
The deep blue that wraps around me  
Suffocating any little light that touches it

I'm supposed be tough  
How can I be okay when everything is wrong  
Loud and powerful yet gentle and safe  
I want to sink into the ocean and hear its constant crash

I know that it will always come

by Kayla Boyer

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Beach house --  
The water is relaxing.  
The sand is soft.

Never wanting to leave.  
Tanning is a breeze.

Learning to surf.  
Boom!  
Smashing the waves.

Packing up and going away.  
Beep, beep!  
See you again someday.

by Asya Celik

Clouds swim in the sky.  
The cold breezy wind whooshes  
around me outside.  
The sun hides beneath the clouds,  
waiting for noon to appear.

by Chloe Chen

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### **Japan**

Scampering through Japan,  
Is a dream come true.  
From Tokyo to Takayama,  
There's so many places to visit.

With its beautiful art and architecture,  
It's such a magical place to be.  
Its highlights of Mount Fuji and Tokyo Tower,  
Are places worth viewing.

With a colorful culture,  
It feels like you're strolling through a painting.  
It's such an unique place,  
You can only experience here.

by Ellin Chen

## **I Am**

I am dumb and annoying  
I wonder if I can fly  
I hear aliens fighting  
I see people floating like balloons lost to the sky  
I want friends  
I am dumb and annoying

I pretend to touch the clouds  
I feel like if I was flying  
I touch clouds  
I worry about falling  
I cry when I see worms  
I am dumb and annoying

I understand that I'm dumb  
I say stars are the best  
I dream flying to space  
I try to finish my work on time  
I hope my mom likes me  
I am dumb and annoying

by Emily Chen

I am a computer--smart and slow  
I wonder if one day I will be rich  
I hear my toy dragons roaring in the sky  
I see the sun dancing in the sky  
I want lots of money  
I am a computer--smart and slow

I pretend that I am a ninja  
I feel the sun in a summer day  
I touch the wind on a windy day  
I worry about my grades  
I cry when i'm having a bad day  
I am a computer--smart and slow

I understand that everything is science  
I say that we are all equal  
I dream of being rich one day  
I try to get good grades  
I hope for world peace  
I am a computer--smart and slow

by Andrew Cheng

I am like a Daisy, blooming from the wet ground  
I wonder when someone steps on me will I fall  
I hear other followers talking to more flowers  
I see millions of cats and dogs falling from the stormy sky  
I want to go to a warm tropical place  
I am like a Daisy, blooming from the wet ground

I pretend that I knew everything.  
I feel that the grass is hitting me in the wind  
I touch the clouds with my long petals  
I worry that I can never see a Harry Styles concert  
I cry when summer is not near  
I am like a Daisy, blooming from the wet ground

I understand that we are living in a pandemic  
I say that people deserve human rights  
I dream of going places with no mask  
I try to recycle perfectly  
I hope that the pandemic will end soon  
I am like a Daisy, blooming from the wet ground

by Ashley Ciasulli

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### **Final Four (2021): Gonzaga vs. UCLA**

And UCLA inbounds the ball  
Basketball is bouncing hard  
Confused what to do  
Down the clock goes  
Every basket counts  
For the shot UCLA  
Game is 90-90  
Here comes the ball from Gonzaga  
It's the end of the game if  
Jalen Suggs half court shot and it goes BANG! Gonzaga wins  
Keep Gonzaga in because they want to win it all

by Connor Comitini

## **Peace**

Peace is white.  
It sounds like river water trickling through a forest.  
It smells like a field of fresh freesia flowers.  
It tastes like freshly peeled oranges.  
It looks like a clear, bright daytime sky.  
Peace feels like you are free to let go.

by Alicila Daleiden

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## **Pooka**

She is fuzzy as a pillow  
but rough as a rock.  
She is quiet as a mouse  
but loud as a siren.

Ruff! Whmmm... Row!  
She wants to come inside.  
She is kind, curious, and sleepy.  
She sniffs a lot.  
She is Pooka.

by Anthony DeLusant

## **I Am**

I am a kid that is determined and dedicated  
I wonder how can I improve how can I be better than him  
I hear A little voice in my head “follow your dreams kid and never give up”  
I see a opportunity that calls my name  
I want to be a powerful and kind human being  
I am a kid that is determined and dedicated

I pretend to be in the MLB  
I feel the joy of being on the field and making a play  
I touch the dirt and it traps me in  
I worry that I'm going to fail  
I cry when I strike out because I let the team down  
I am a kid that is determined and dedicated

I understand life is hard  
I say I'm better than my brothers  
I dream to be and do something good for me in my future  
I try to be the best I can  
I hope to one day be better than everyone else  
I am a kid that is determined and dedicated

by Nicholas DiGeronimo

### **ABC Poem**

As I step into the batter's box  
Bat on my shoulder  
Catcher ready to catch  
Deaf from the screaming in the dugout  
Expectations are high as the sky  
Fielders are ready  
Getting ready to pitch  
Hitting the ball  
I run to first before  
Jetting to second  
Kicking up the turf pellets  
Leaning to go to third  
Making the decision  
Now heading to third  
Over the fence  
Praying it goes over  
Quivering as the ball goes over  
Running with pride  
Super excited  
To finally hit a homerun

by Stefano DiGeronimo

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### **Missing the Beach**

Loud chatter  
From the people around me  
Drowned out by the waves  
Happy smiles on kids' faces  
Warm rays from the sun  
Grainy, dry sand beneath me tickling my feet  
Deep blue skies never looked this clear anywhere else  
As free as a bird,  
I run into the crystal blue water  
And leap with all my might -- SPLASH!  
I wake up from my dream  
To remember the year is 2021

by Sarah Doan



## A Bite of Chocolate

A piece of chocolate melts in my mouth as I  
Bite it off the bar. Crunch.  
Candy so sweet and  
Delicious. So  
Edible and so hard to  
Finish.  
Grabbing the sides of the wrapper, crinkling them down to reveal the  
Hidden chocolate inside.  
I go in for another bite, but  
Just as I do, a fly lands on my chocolate.  
Keeping the sweetness for itself. I wish their  
Little wings would fly them somewhere else.  
“My chocolate!” I say.  
Now I go in for another bite, and  
Oh, it is so gooey.  
“Please don’t eat me” the chocolate yelps!  
Quickly, I ignore it,  
Ready to chomp.  
So ready to start chomping, and done, I finish my chocolate.  
Then I feel a rumble in my tummy, and I know I ate too much.

by Daelynn Duralek

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Yellow and black bumble bees flying all around,  
Fancy flowers on the ground.  
I am happily hopping around.  
The Sun is shining. Spring is here.  
Super warm weather, in the pool.  
“Splish, splash”, Partying and playing.  
There is June, July, and August. Summer is here.  
The trees have no leaves, they’ve all fallen down,  
All of the leaves are now on the ground.  
Super cold, sweaters and coats, you need mittens,  
Even for your pups and kittens  
But not for your goats. Sledding in the snow.  
Sit by the fire, and have some hot cocoa.  
Winter is here.

by Liam Dziedzic

## The Beach

The ocean's breeze flows  
The palm trees begin to sway  
The shine of the sea  
The birds flutter songs of joy  
The clash of the ocean sighs

by Katherine Escobar

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All I think about is the  
Beginning of Summer.  
Classes are  
Done!  
**Eyarrghhh!**  
First thing I'm  
Going to do is  
Hit the pool.  
I  
Just  
Know  
Life will be  
Mine

Now that we are free.  
Ooh ooh ooh!  
Perfectly peaceful clouds  
Quietly zoom through the  
Restful  
Sky.  
The  
Universe is  
Very  
Wide.  
X-men battle on movie screens and  
Yesterday, today and tomorrow the  
Zoos are packed with kids.

by Sebastian Farganis

## **I Am Invisible**

**I am** invisible  
**I wonder** why I can't be seen  
**I hear** life laughing at me  
**I see** a bunch of white dragons watching me from the shadows  
**I want** to be seen  
**I am** invisible

**I pretend** to be something I'm not.  
**I feel** the air's presence encouraging me to fly  
**I touch** a beautiful fairy as she glides down a golden path  
**I worry** about not being good enough  
**I cry** when I am left out  
**I am** invisible

**I understand** that not everyone is perfect  
**I say** to always try my hardest  
**I dream** of being world-famous and finally being seen  
**I try** to be perfect but fail  
**I hope** to have caring people around me now and forever  
**I am** invisible

by Sarah Ferraez

## Emotions

Anger is a balloon about to burst, about to pop  
Bravery leaves you feeling as strong and bold as a tiger  
Cheerfulness like going outside for the first time in years, breathing in sweet air  
Defeat, feeling like you did everything wrong  
Embarrassment feels like everyone is looking at you and judging you  
Frustrated, steaming like a freight train  
Guilt, feeling like you let everyone down  
Hope, like a single spark in a dark void  
Irritated, leaves you feeling like a nasty rash  
Jealousy, looking at a beautiful flower while you're just a weed  
Kindness is like a pinch of pepper, small but powerful  
Loneliness, you're like a seed pod that only has one seed  
Manipulated, feeling as a beautiful flower poisoned by weed killer  
Nervous, like a sheep surrounded by foxes  
Optimistic, like a splash of color when all seems hopeless  
Peace that sounds like soft music  
Regret, that tastes like moldy pizza  
Sadness, like reaching for something you need or love but not quite reaching it  
Terror, feeling like a mouse being chased by a cat,  
Unique, like a unicorn among a field of horses,  
Vibrant, like a shining star,  
Worried, like hearing sounds and not knowing what they are,  
Yearning feeling like a deer waiting for Spring.

by Jocelyn Fusco

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## Spring

Squirrels munch acorns.  
Lilies dance in the meadow.  
Snails slowly smile up.  
Buzzing bees swarm the honey.  
Trees sway as the clouds cry joy.

by Janki Gaglani

### **Dream**

When I'm asleep the walls whisper to me  
They talk and shout  
And they are quiet  
But loud  
But then it was just a dream  
Just a shroud

by Hayden Gitli

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### **Haiku**

Elements make things.  
Matter is elemental.  
Elements are cool.

by Jacob Gonzalez

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### **Daniel**

Imaginative, Data driven, adventures, happy.  
Son of Zorica and Mark.  
Lover of games, Data, Family.  
Who feels fine.  
Who needs no more Covid.  
Who gives happiness, fun, and adventure.  
Who fears people who destroy spiders.  
Who would like to see Grandpa.  
Resident of Greenbrook.  
Gooding

by Daniel Gooding

### **The Dance**

The trees get undressed  
Wind picks up the dirty clothes  
Leaves fly in the sky  
They whirl and dance to the wind  
The leaves are ballerinas

### **Crickets**

As harmless as crickets are, they always chirp!  
If they ever stop chirping let me know so I can edit this poem!  
If I see one you won't anymore,  
It will be dead, all squished on the floor!  
No matter how much of a delicacy they can be, they are far from delicious  
disgusting is what they are

by Alexa Goret

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### **Beyond The Earth**

Sun  
Bright, yellow  
Sizzling, illuminating, rotating  
Rays, fire, lunar, craters  
Waxing, waning, orbiting  
Dusy, dull  
Moon

by Morgan Holley

## Spring

Animals are born  
Butterflies are dancing  
Creamy corn on the cob is an evening  
delight  
Dogs are barking  
Even the sun is smiling  
Flowers stand tall and spread the skirts of  
their colorful gowns  
Gone is winter  
Here is Spring  
I ride my bike  
Jump in the air  
Kids are bouncy  
Laughter filled the evening air  
My legs are sore from running

Never going to bed  
Oh sure it gets boring and we can't wait for  
Summer  
Parents are still loving it  
Quiet steals the night once everyone is  
inside  
Real life  
Steals the show during school  
Till we leave for lunch  
Until then the  
Very best thing  
We can do is daydream  
X Raying our thoughts carefully  
You start to dream of summer  
Zany days ahead

by Lauren Hollifield

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## The New Kid

A new house  
Being the new kid  
Come to school  
Don't know where is the bathroom  
Everything feels OK I guess  
Feel weird  
Going on the bus  
Have no friends  
I am sick of school  
JK I like it here  
Kids be looking at me crazy  
Learning about stuff I don't know  
Monday in is my good day

No, they don't like me  
OMG  
Pulling my phone out  
Quietly  
Redoing my hair I need to look nice  
Sleeping in class OMG no  
Today I am not going to sleep  
Unless people want to be my friend  
Voices all around me  
Willing to go hame  
eXcited because I might have a new friend  
Yet I'm standing here  
Zippin' my sweater up

by Iyana Hopkins

### **Forest of Depth**

Leaves sway in the breeze.  
Ice crystals form on the trees.  
Icy forest drowns in snow.  
The snowy trees are enclosed.  
Branches in the breeze *crack, snap*.

by Jenna Ibrahim

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### **Despair**

Despair is black.  
It sounds like a dog's whimper.  
It smells like the smoke from a campfire that's put out too early.  
It tastes like metallic tap water.  
It looks like ice cream that has splattered on the floor.  
Despair feels like a never ending black night in January.

by Aaiza Imran

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### **Bees in the Marigold Meadow**

I see seemingly shining bees buzzing by.  
Out to the Perfect Marigold Meadow  
Where I'm sure they are to meet other seemingly shining buzzing bees  
Sipping on Perfect Pollinated Tea  
And buzzing by seemingly shining other Bees.  
Why do the Shiny Bees shine a bright yellow?  
Maybe from the Pollinated Perfect Marigold Meadow Tea they love to make.

by Ayesha Imran



## **Raindrop**

The moist yet soft texture  
Of its skin  
As it leaps down from above  
The tiny shine of a glimmering rain drop  
Is noticeable  
Like a  
Flamboyant jacket  
In a dull  
Window display  
As it torpedos down  
It gets  
Faster  
Faster  
And then --  
Splat!

by Cole Kelly

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## **The Office**

Angela is fed up with the Scranton Branch,  
Because Michael keeps fooling around.  
Corporate is not happy with Michael, but he gets the sales.  
Dwight is the person who brings the sales.  
Everyone there is a huge family, according to Michael.  
False is one of Dwight's favorite sayings.  
God is what Dwight thinks Michael is.  
Help in management is what Jim gave Michael in season 6.  
It is the Tom Brady of TV shows.  
Jim is the one who does not care about his job, and always pranks Dwight.  
Kevin likes cookies and cakes, and works in Accounting.  
Literally, the best show ever.  
Michael manages the Scranton branch.  
No, not funny episodes.

by Aksh Kothari

## The Future

I am the future  
I wonder who will make the next life changing invention  
I hear the big blue earth cough as it holds in CO2  
I see dirty plastic suffocate the oceans  
I want to clean our trashed environment and make it clean again  
I am the future

I pretend I am a superhero zooming over the city  
I feel the intense power of Zeus  
I touch the soft back of a flying pegasus  
I worry that this generation is too deep in their electronics  
I cry as I see the giving earth destroyed by humans  
I am the future

I understand that there will be struggles we will have to face  
I say that younger people need to have a larger voice in politics  
I dream that one day world peace can be achieved  
I try to do my best to contribute to society  
I hope we can make it out of this pandemic  
I am the future

by Danny Kuran

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My sister at school and my mom sitting at the table doing work  
I needed help  
I didn't know how to tie my karate belt  
My dad helped me tie my belt  
I didn't need help anymore  
I will help others

by Cameron Lee

## **Too Quick to Judge**

I am a criminal that is wrongly accused  
I wonder when the world will understand  
I hear the devil whispering in my ear  
I see the sad heavens frowning at my anger  
I want others to know that I am just being honest  
I am a criminal that is wrongly accused

I pretend that I am a person that I am not  
I feel the jagged edge of a dark sword sliding across my fingertips  
I touch the lava from a boiling volcano  
I worry that the memories will someday come back  
I cry when others are too quick to judge  
I am a criminal that is wrongly accused

I understand that others judge a book by its cover  
I say that I am trying to be honest  
I dream that my peers will take the time to understand me  
I try keeping all that anger away from others to see  
I hope that someday all of my anger would just go away  
I am a criminal that is wrongly accused

by Jian Li

## **I Am**

I am impossible  
I wonder why life is complicated  
I hear a voice inside me cheering me on  
I see the future waiting  
I want to be better  
I am impossible

I pretend to smile  
I feel like giving up  
I touch dark negativity  
I worry about fear  
I cry when I'm not good enough  
I am impossible

I understand the pain  
I say to be persistent  
I dream about reality changing  
I try not thinking about the past  
I hope I can reach the top  
I am impossible

by Miranda Li

### **I Am...**

I am the moon always by your side even when im covered by the clouds  
I wonder why we can't go to other beautiful planets  
I hear the golden cherry blossoms flying like a beautiful butterfly  
I see titans crawling and running like an ugly centiptipede  
I want a peaceful life without anything in my way  
I am the moon always by your side even when im covered by the clouds

I pretend to smile even if I am sad  
I feel the amount of power I have in myself  
I touch the glowing beautiful cherry blossoms in the night sky  
I worry about one day what if the earth all of a sudden dies?  
I cry when a loved one isn't here on earth with me  
I am the moon always by your side even when im covered by the clouds

I understand people because it happened to me as well  
I say white lies to protect the feelings of others  
I dream of being a golden cherry blossom not worrying about anything in life  
I try to always stay unique like golden glowing fish swimming  
I hope that one day my story ends with a "happily ever after"  
I am the moon always by your side when im covered by the clouds

by Fiona Lin

## **I Am**

**I am** a parrot sitting in a palm tree  
**I wonder** what most people do with their lives  
**I hear** the cries and wiggles of worms as they dry out  
**I see** the miserable trees crying everywhere  
**I want** to become an amazing person  
**I am** a parrot sitting in a palm tree

**I pretend** that I'm superior like a king  
**I feel** the boringness of school weighing down on me  
**I touch** the beauty and sadness of the world  
**I worry** about my future  
**I cry** when I get into conflicts with my friends  
**I am** a parrot sitting in a palm tree

**I understand** that we go through tough challenges through life  
**I say** that I can figure the challenges out, when I can't  
**I dream** that one day there will be dragons flying everywhere  
**I try** to be the best I can be  
**I hope** that life could be less boring in the future  
**I am** a parrot sitting in a palm tree

by Kaitlyn Long

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## **3 AM**

Three in the morning, nothing here?  
Three in the morning, your stomach growls  
Three in the morning, it's so quiet  
Three in the morning, the lights are off  
Three in the morning, can't get back to sleep  
Three in the morning  
You hear something  
Three in the morning, you wake up in a cold sweat  
Three in the morning  
IT'S ALL A DREAM?  
Three in the morning  
GET OUT OF MY HEAD!

by Oliver Long

## **I Am**

I am like a ghost I can silent but also loud  
**I wonder...**how the dinosaurs became extinct  
**I hear...** *the scream of Achilles* --fighting for freedom  
**I see...** [*the loch ness monster* --surfing the sea]  
**I want...**[Tablet for me to become an animator]  
**I am** like a ghost; I can be silent but also loud

**I pretend...**to be an animator  
**I feel...**[*like I am flying* - like I am soaring thru the sky]  
**I touch...**[*the iron on Achilles's sword*--]  
**I worry...**[I'll die alone with nobody to have with me]  
**I cry...** thinking about my grandpa who has passed away  
**I am** like a ghost; I can be silent but also loud

**I understand...**that you must let things go  
**I say...**[that when I animate I make people happy or laugh]  
**I dream...**of having a good life and nice family]  
**I try...**to be funny and make people laugh and happy  
**I hope** with my animating I can make people happy  
**I am...** like a ghost; I can be silent but also loud

by Caleb Lopez

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## **Rain**

Drip drop, rain goes plop  
Covers the ground in puddles  
Rivers flood the land  
The clouds turn gray for the storm  
Rain pours down, soaking my shoe

by Olivia LoRe

## Shy and Sensitive

I am shy and sensitive  
I wonder if I am rude to people  
I hear the laughter of a mermaid as she splashes around in the waves  
I see unicorns prancing in the fields  
I want to be less like a rabbit and more like a wolf  
I am shy and sensitive

I pretend I am okay when I am not  
I feel like the air is squeezing me  
I touch the bright shining stars  
I worry about everything  
I cry when I miss my grandpa  
I am shy and sensitive

I understand that one day I will see my grandpa again  
I say I can but I get too scared  
I dream about being brave  
I try to be kind to people  
I hope that one day I won't be scared  
I am shy and sensitive

by Sienna Mejias

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Always amazing.  
The Trees whooshing in the cold.  
The Trees whispering.  
Telling me to get home now.  
The moss will always guide me.

by Nicholas Minetti



## **Night to Day**

Night  
Dark, gloomy  
Sleeping, snoring, twinkling  
Moon, stars, sun, cloud  
Playing, working, studying  
Clear, bright  
Day

by Bayan Mustafa

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## **ABC Poem**

As I stare straight at the  
Blank chromebook screen, I  
Can't  
Decide what to write.  
Everyone else is  
Flying through the page, filling it all.  
Glancing at the time,  
Hesitating on what to do.  
I hear everyone's fingers -- *tap, tap, tap*.  
Just five minutes left of class  
Knowing that I got nothing done.  
Leaning over  
My black keyboard ready to write, but  
Now the bell has rung and class is  
Over and my  
Page remains as white as a cloud.

by Keri Pak

## The Quiet One

**I am** a shy and passionate person  
**I wonder** why some things in the world are never right  
**I hear** the whisper of a giant ringing in my ear  
**I see** a telepath guiding me to success  
**I want** to be the person that isn't afraid to try  
**I am** a shy and passionate person

**I pretend like** I am a prima ballerina and I perform in front of hundreds of people  
**I feel** like I am on the clouds as they glide through the sky  
**I touch** the eagle soaring through the sky  
**I worry** about all the information that is wrong in the world  
**I cry** when I think about someone not having the same opportunities that I do  
**I am** a shy and passionate person

**I understand** why the world isn't perfect  
**I say** that if you are right-minded there is nothing to be afraid of  
**I dream** of having a Labradoodle  
**I try** to be the best version of myself  
**I hope** that I can one day be a leader and make a difference  
**I am** a shy and passionate person

by Alina Parikh

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## Kindness

When I dropped my colored pencils in the rainbow tiled floors  
A person stopped by to support me  
Gathering up the bright colored pencils, exactly 94  
Crawling on the cold dirty floor with our hands and knees  
We picked up the flashing colors of red and green  
When somebody else drops their own supplies  
I will stop and be by their side  
Be kind and it will help people  
Be kind that will help you find  
Many of the answers you are looking for in life  
Kindness will help you melt you memories in life  
Kindness is a very important part of life  
Let's stay kind and change the world  
Be kind and stay happy in life!

by Aarav Patel

Spring  
warm, rainy,  
running, blooming, happiness  
Colorful flowers, bike , red leaves , harvest  
Hiking , pumpkin picking, raking  
woosh, wind  
Fall

by Isabella Pico

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Compassion  
Warmth, mercy  
Caring, concern, charity  
Tenderness, Gentleness, Tolerance, Consideration  
Sympathy, Empathy, Sensitivity  
Understanding, Patience  
Kindness

by Tejas Rangarajan

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I am a shooting star from the sky  
I wonder why shooting stars are so powerful  
I hear the mist in the sky  
I see myself just as powerful as a shooting star  
I want more from myself  
I am a shooting star from the sky

I pretend I am Simone Biles  
I feel like a cat with nine lives  
I touch the top of the sky  
I worry that I am not good enough  
I cry from my depression  
I am a shooting star from the sky

I understand that I am not good enough  
I say set a goal for the next day  
I dream of being perfect  
I try to stay positive  
I hope to be perfect someday  
I am a shooting star from the sky

by Cristina Richardson

## **Dreams**

I'm part of the bed  
The mattress won't let me go  
My breathing gets slow  
As I see the real world fade  
My fantasy world appears

The sky is bright blue  
The enjoyable sunlight  
The birds are singing  
Trees graciously dancing  
Waking up, what a nightmare

by Keira Rodrigues

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## **I Am**

I am like a paintbrush  
I wonder if one day I can paint like the other paint brushes can  
I hear a sketchbook singing  
I see the easel dancing  
I want to be an artist  
I am like a paint brush

I pretend I can draw a beautiful picture  
I feel my palette pulse as each color begs to be added to the canvas.  
I touch the paint brush as I paint my emotions  
I worry that my painting is not good enough  
I cry when I mess up  
I am like a paintbrush

I understand that I'm not professional  
I say I want to be an artist  
I dream that I will be the next Picasso  
I try to practice to be better  
I hope that one day I can be a better paint brush  
I am like a paint brush

by Ladee Rojas-Romero

## Compassion

I was by myself.  
I was lost and confused.  
I didn't know where to go.  
My friend told me where to go and went with me.  
I felt better and happier.  
I often try to help the new kid now.

by Maximus Romeo

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## Raindrops

The gloomy raindrops  
Sliding down the clear window

Wise and full of anticipation  
For the next time they fall.

Old and controlled  
Upset and subset.

They'll be trying their hardest.  
Jumping down the window

The raindrops aren't all that of a bore  
The raindrops don't live in dread-- anymore.

Instead, they start to try and treasure what they adore.

by Alina Sana

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Fall<sup>1</sup>  
Cold<sup>1</sup>, breezy<sup>1</sup>  
Gathering<sup>1</sup>, hibernating<sup>1</sup>, harvesting<sup>1</sup>  
Halloween<sup>1</sup>, leaves<sup>1</sup>, flowers<sup>2</sup>, eggs  
Racing<sup>2</sup>, playing<sup>2</sup>, swimming  
Warm, sunny<sup>2</sup>  
Spring<sup>2</sup>

by Alekzander Santana-Perez

Mikey  
    Hard-working, creative, clever, and determined.  
    Son of Michael and Monica.  
    Lover of video games, sleep, and dogs.  
    Who feels happy when playing with my friends.  
    Who needs more sleep.  
    Who gives compliments, some advice, and forgiveness sometimes.  
    Who fears death, getting hacked, and the weird noises my house makes.  
    Who would like to see an end to global warming.  
    Resident of Green Brook.  
    Santoro

by Mikey Santoro

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### **I Am**

I Am Trustworthy And Creative  
I Wonder If I Will Be Fantastic At Drawing?  
I Hear Wild Whisperings In My Head  
I See Myself Filming Trains Like A Videographer  
I Want To See All 20 Norfolk Southern Heritage Units  
I Am Trustworthy And Creative

I Pretend That I Am A Great Photographer  
I Feel Like I Am Dead Inside  
I Touch Lava Without Getting Burnt  
I Worry About My Family Being Ok  
I Cry When Someone Dies  
I Am Trustworthy And Creative

I Understand That Things Don't Go Our Way Sometimes  
I Say That You Can Try And Try And You Will Succeed  
I Dream Of Being A Train Engineer  
I Try To Get Good Grades.  
I Hope That I Become An Engineer  
I Am Trustworthy And Creative

by Collin Santos

## Spring

Flowers start blooming.  
Sky crying creates flowers.  
Sky begins to wail.  
The clouds fill the sky, no Sun.  
The flowers droop with no Sun.

by Salvatore Scavo

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## Bravery

Bravery is emerald green.  
**It sounds like** a wolf's howl in the midnight sky.  
**It smells like** crisp air on the first days of autumn.  
**It tastes like** fresh lemon that was just picked.  
**It looks like** a flock of eagles soaring through the air.  
Bravery **feels like** adrenaline coursing through your body.

by Naya Shah

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## Rain

A gentle wind nears  
Clouds as cold as ice breeze by  
As raindrops drip drop  
The Earth becomes damp and wet  
Clouds block the sky, as rain stops.

by Winston Su

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Depression is dark blue.  
It sounds like nothing  
It smells like medicine  
It tastes like the bitterness of a grapefruit  
It looks like a coffin  
Depression feels like falling deeply down in a hole with no exit

by Katelyn Sun

## **I Am**

I am the thunderstorm at night and the sunny sun at day  
I wonder if millions money would be a mistake  
I hear a small soft and angelic voice calling me in the sky  
I see myself in dreams and in the future  
I want to be rich.  
I am the thunderstorm at night and the sunny sun at day

I pretend to care  
I feel myself caring about me when no one else did  
I touch my future endless money  
I worry about being poor  
I cry with a dollar bill as a tissue  
I am the thunderstorm at night and the sunny sun at day

I understand money doesn't buy happiness  
I say it does  
I dream about money  
I try to get money  
I hope I get rich.  
I am the thunderstorm at night and the sunny sun at day

by Sherlyn Tan



## I Am

I am as fearless as a lion and a tiger  
I wonder if this virus will ever end  
I hear birds chirping as they sing to the sky  
I see a werewolf calling his family as he howls at the sky  
I want good grades so I can make it to college  
I am as fearless as a lion and a tiger

I pretend that I'm as fast as a vampire  
I feel like im am a vampire  
I touched a porcupine and it hurt, ow!  
I worry that someone may attack me  
I cry when someone passes away  
I am as fearless as a lion and a tiger

I understand when other people's feelings are hurt  
I say never give up; you will get there some day  
I dream I was this amazing softball player known for her hitting and pitching and plays  
I try hitting a homerun in a game as hard as I could  
I hope I get what I want for my birthday because I worked so hard for it  
I am fearless as a lion and a tiger

by Genesis Toro

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**K**isses are a form of kindness, but there are other ways of which involve words.  
**I** can tell that kindness is not spread enough, they who spread kindness are the most appreciative.  
**N**ot only can kindness be helpful, but a simple act of it could save someone's life.  
**D**oing good deeds is an act of kindness, it helps the environment around you.  
**N**ever should you let someone stop kindness, it's what's needed in this world.  
**E**veryone needs kindness no matter how happy or sad you are.  
**S**ave people's hearts and days by showing an act of kindness.  
**S**o in honor of this poem, kindness is the one to know.

by Morgan Torres

Karma always appears  
Life is just so short  
May we have a second try  
Now to conquer what we missed  
Ode to never make the same mistake  
Praise the people who loved us great  
Quarter our cake to share with you  
Run through grassfields to joy with you  
Sing like birds for stronger bonds  
Touch our loved ones once again  
Under the regret of choices made in the past  
Very full hearts with their life made the most of  
Will always stand

by Kathleen Wang

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### **Country vs. City**

Country  
Hot, cold  
Planting, plowing, harvesting  
Farms, fields, buildings, buses  
Working, driving, honking  
Busy, chaotic  
City

by Joshua Weniger

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### **Spring**

Flowers are blooming  
The sun revealing itself  
There might be some rain  
Trees begin to grow muscles  
Spring breeze singing a soft song.

by Emelia Wighard

## Sunshine

The sun rises from its layer and says hello to the world.  
It tells the moon it's time to rest its sleepy head,  
The sun tells all the children it's time to wake up and play instead.  
The bright yellow sun laughs as it watches over the children playing,  
The plants love the sun,  
The children love the sun  
The sun is fun, for everyone.

by Olivia Wiley

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Ocean  
Wet, big  
Crashing, flowing, waving  
Beach, coral, clouds, robins  
Flying, floating, turning  
Blue, bright  
Sky

by Lina Zangrillo



# GRADE 7



White, big, and fluffy  
Slowly moves across the sky  
Floating in the sky

by Christopher Aichele

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Our school is ending  
Soon before our summer break  
Then begins anew

by Bryan Alvites

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Kindness is very great  
It is best when it is random  
Everyone should be kind

by Kelan Ampaw

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### **Companion**

Caring  
Optimistic  
Mindful  
Peace  
Acceptance  
Smile  
Sit with them  
Inclusive  
Open-minded  
Nice

by Adam Anshasi

## **Golf**

Golf is a great sport.  
One way golf is great is it is outside.  
Long shots into the fairway.  
Fairway shots onto the green.

by Brandon Apilado

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## **Kindness**

Kind people are the best people to be around  
If you like to have friends be with ones that are nice  
Nice people always feel good  
Do nice things for others  
Noble people are very caring people  
Everyone should get along and be kind  
So be kind and be as nice as possible  
Since you are nice so is others

by Skylar Ashnault

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## **Beach**

Beautiful waves  
Everywhere I look,  
Amazing blue skies when I look above.  
Crashing waves against my skin,  
Harmony is what I feel when I am here.

by Jolie Atis



## **Hope**

Open up your feeling if you feel some type of way  
People need start treating others the way they want to be treated  
Everyone should be treated the same way  
Not being rude to other people can be easy  
Even if the person is your enemy  
Stop bullying  
Start being kind to other people

by Leanna Beaucejour

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## **Baseball**

The teams are ready  
The ball is hit to first base  
The batter strikes out!

by Liam Benderoth

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## **Cold Days**

Sadness is Blue  
It sounds like like a pretty dying plant's last breath  
It smells like gray sky...without sun for days together, not a ray of hope anywhere.  
It tastes like it's acidic, sour and bitter.  
It looks like a tear drop coming down your face as fast as a wave current.  
Sadness feels like... are dishes in the sink, the bed is unmade and there is a great hollowness in the air.

by Alex Beyfuss

## **Disgust**

Disgust is olive green.  
It sounds like Mmph! Blah! Ewww!  
It smells like moldy rotten mushy rotten food.  
It tastes like a dead rotten carcass moaning.  
It looks like scrunched up noses with a raised eyebrow.  
Disgust feels like slimy swarming worms in a disgusting acid!

by Kristina Beyfuss

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## **A War Has Begun**

A war has begun in my city  
Babies crying as their mothers try to  
Calm them down  
Dogs growling at soldiers passing by  
Everyone inside their houses afraid to come out  
Feelings of sadness and despair as  
Guards take away family members  
Houses on fire while  
Inside people calling for help pleading for  
Justice to be brought back  
Kneeling praying to the  
Lord for help and shower His  
Mercy on the women and children  
No one to help feed or take care of the  
Orphans  
Police sirens be heard everywhere while police  
Quickly try to fight off the enemy  
Rifle sounds are heard as  
Sounds of shouts rise as people  
Tremble with fear. But even  
Under these harsh conditions, there is a  
Very faint sign of hope and that soon, the  
War would be over.  
eXpectations of winning were increasing, and the  
Young soldiers would soon return to their families full of  
Zeal and happiness

by Safiyah Bhalloo

## Compassion

Bobby pins and hair ties lay on my dresser,  
Exhaustion and sleepiness took over my body.  
I had to dance in thirty minutes but I stayed up all night last night on homework. I was tired.  
My best friend called me to let me know it was PJ day at the dance.  
I became excited and relieved that I didn't have to get ready.  
I was thankful my best friend told me and I will help her in the future.

by Lily BJORLO

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## The Rain

Pitter-patter  
The rain hit the ground.  
A flash of light  
Soared across the night sky  
Like a meteor shower.  
Clash boom  
The thunder strikes.  
The last rumble rumble hits  
And relaxes the night sky.

by Riley Bobrowski

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## Friendship

Friendship looks like family at a barbecue  
Friendship feels like love when hugging someone who you have not seen in a long time  
Friendship sounds like fun at sleepovers  
Without trust there is no friendship  
With honesty there can be a friendship  
Friendship is life

by Kaitlynn Breen

## **Baseball**

Batting to the spring day  
As you look to swing  
Seeing the ball hit so high  
Each time the baseball hits the glove  
Bam! Oh, so quiet!  
At each base you heels dig in  
Learning how to steal  
Letting each time the ball go past you

by Jayden Brown-Denny

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## **Compassion**

I watched as kids played in the ocean.  
I was upset and disappointed.  
I wanted to go play in the water with my family but no one wanted to come.  
My cousin came and hung out with me in the water.  
I felt appreciated and happy  
I really understand how family is very important

by Jordan Brown-Denny

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## **Leadership**

Level-headed  
Encouraging  
Admirable  
Devoted  
Empathetic  
Responsible  
Smart  
Honorable  
Impressive  
Positive

by Grace Connolly

I saw the field and the pitcher  
I was nervous and excited  
It was my first school game of the year  
The pitcher threw a ball just the way I liked it  
I was happy and joyful for getting a triple  
I want to make others feel that way.

by Calianna Cruz

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### **Time**

This time has taught me lessons  
I know now to count my blessings  
And as time progresses  
I feel my own presence  
I learned the very essence  
Of my adolescence  
And though I may have questions  
I know this time is precious

by Kacey Cupit

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### **Haiku: Kindness**

Kindness is in us  
Kindness means to be caring  
Kindness is to share

by Jaden Daniels

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### **Compassion**

I wasn't having the greatest time  
Someone walked up to me and proceeded to say  
Hello, I hope you are doing well today  
Little did he know, he was right on the dime  
In making my day better than fine

by Aiden Desai

## Day and Night

Day  
Sunny, hot  
Playing, chirping, waking  
Sun, school, bedtime, moon  
Sleeping, dreaming, snoring  
Gloomy, dark  
Night

by Anthony DiAndrea

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## Hate Spreads

There has always been some hate  
Gender, religion, or race

Unity is broken  
A golden emblem that was stolen

From our very own  
From the young to the grown

Hate fills our hearts  
Pulling us apart

But if we just listened  
A little more often,

We would walk the world in different shoes  
Free for anyone to choose

Their own lifestyle  
Because being judged isn't worthwhile

So before you speak,  
Think of all the weeks

Someone might spend  
Thinking of your words in their head

Because hate doesn't stay in one place  
It spreads.

by Addison Dos Santos

## **Fish**

Great white  
Fast, Dangerous  
Eating, swimming, jumping  
Eats seals and some people  
fish

by Clinton Drummond

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## **Summer Break**

Swimming, relaxing, playing outside,  
Under the warmth of the sun,  
Making sand castles and  
Meditating at the beach,  
Eating chips and sandwiches, then  
Running after the seagulls, when they  
Bring their friends and snatch the bag of chips,  
Ripping waves of the sea wash the shore,  
Eating away the sand and leaving  
A beautiful shell collection as  
Kids run up with their buckets.

by Kayleigh Finch

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A white PO with his knee on a black man's neck  
I was confused  
I didn't know why this was happening  
The people witnessing it happening tried to help  
I felt angry and disgusted  
I am now traumatized

by Karrington Frank

A parent has a big responsibility  
Being the one in charge is not always easy  
Coming home to a messy house is not fun  
Dishes piling up every night, again not fun  
Education can be a struggle for their kids and they have to be there to help  
Finding out that your child is misbehaving is not fun  
Giving up in an argument with your child is not fun  
Having a stressful day and your child is annoying you is not fun  
Interesting conversation is sometimes fun  
Joking around with your child is fun  
Karate days with you child is fun  
Linking up with your friends for once can be fun  
Mistakes happen but all is forgiven is fun  
No bad things coming your way is fun  
One day with your child having fun is FUN!  
Picking up your child from school and hearing they had a good day is fun.

by Kaydence Frank

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**Haiku: Kindness**

It is good to help  
The world be a better place  
Filled with more kindness

by David Fruda

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**Haiku: Spring**

The leaves start growing  
The birds fly and start chirping  
Life begins to sprout

by Jakob Garcia



## **Reflections**

Respect  
Empathy  
Forgiving  
Leader  
Effort  
Communicate  
Truthful  
Imaginative  
Observant  
Noble  
Sincere

by Shreeya Geddam

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## **Happiness**

Happy is yellow.  
It sounds like laughter.  
It smells like nice candles.  
It tastes like a fresh cake.  
It looks like a smile.  
Happiness feels like a morning breeze.

by Ethan George

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In a dark gloom  
Be the bloom  
Grow from soil  
Not from oil  
Taste the stream  
Hear its dream  
Feel the air  
If you care  
Stretch your vines  
Between the lines  
In a dark gloom  
Be the bloom

by Julia Goldberg

## Reflections

Rainy pouring water with the darkest of clouds  
Elephant noises getting louder and quieter  
Fishes swimming in the nice blue water  
Lily pads get greener and greener  
Eagles flapping and flapping through the light blue sky  
Cows mooing and mooing with their black and white patches  
Tiny little bugs hiding from the people  
IEF and Green Brook Middle School for education  
Onions make your eyes water  
Nobody should be harassed  
Sunny and warm in the fresh air

by Javier Guardado

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You should always be kind  
Because you can never hit rewind  
Be sure to be helpful  
And always be thankful  
You should help people find  
A stressless and clear mind  
To spread only love  
To everyone you care of

by Nika Gusev

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Kids playing outside.  
I felt sad and lonely.  
I had no one to play with.  
My friend asked me to play with him.  
I felt happy and hopeful.  
I will ask to play with someone myself.

by Kieran Jain

The sun shining on my shoulder, the wind blowing my hair, I saw a figure walking close to me.  
Tired and alone, oh, I wished this day would end,  
I had no one to talk to, my pencil moved back and forth on the white piece of paper.  
The figure got closer and sat next to me, she asked if I would like to draw with her,  
A burst of joy kicked in, I smiled at her.  
I wanted to thank her, so I made a drawing of her on that white piece of paper

by Melany Jiron Juarez

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### **Be Kind**

Being kind can change someone's day  
Everyone should be kind to one another

Kindness means to be friendly, generous or considerate  
If everyone was kinder to each other, the world would be a better place  
Nobody should be mean to others, this can help spread kindness  
Do at least one thing nice everyday

by Arav Katakam

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### **Summer**

Sunny  
Underwater  
Marvelous  
Memories  
Entertaining  
Relaxing

by C. J. Kempski

Rain  
Wet, blue  
Splashing, pouring, dripping  
Muddy puddles, umbrellas, beach, ice cream  
Shimmering, warming, illuminating  
Hot, happy  
Sunshine

by Paul Kies

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**Class**

Come to school  
Listen to your teacher  
Ask questions  
Sit in your seat  
Stop talking

by Max Krauth

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When your life gets rough  
Don't dwell on bad things in life  
See the big picture.

by Johan Landa Trujillo

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One beacon glares down.  
Mysteriously observes.  
The day breaks the night.

by Christine Le

## Fireworks

Flies buzz around the fire  
It gets cooler outside  
Rocks all around  
Eating smores  
Winning games  
Orange and gold smores  
Rocks all around  
KitKats  
Skittles

by Marco Leonardis

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The crowded gate full of riders,  
I was nervous and scared,  
I had never ridden on a BMX track before,  
My friend helped me at the gate,  
I still felt nervous but I feel proud,  
I will do the most I can until I can't.

by Laci Leso

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The kitten in a poison ivy bush  
I was afraid at one look  
This poor little kitten alone and hurt  
My aunt took him to the vet in one swerve  
I felt grateful and happy that he was alive  
Now we have a new little family member to welcome into our lives

by Samantha Marques

It's time to say good-bye  
The school year is almost at its end.  
I had lots of fun  
Even if it was virtual

I've learned so much this year  
I watched my classmates grow from day to day  
Hopefully I get to see them again  
Just maybe next year in the fall

by Cassandra Mattos

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### **Haiku**

Beautiful flowers  
Swaying in the summer wind  
A sweet pleasant smell

by Ethan Nguyen

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Spring is in the air  
Flowers are blooming everywhere  
Trees swaying in the breeze  
Swatting away lots of bees  
Hopefully there will be sun  
Now that spring has just begun

by Saaya Parekh

Life is not a stopping place  
A pause in what's to come.  
A resting place along the journey  
To await the future.

We all have different paths  
That we stroll along.  
We all were born to learn something  
But never to hate something

Our final destination is a place,  
Far beyond our imagination.  
For some the journey is quick  
But for others it's long.

And when the path comes to an end  
We claim a great reward.  
And then we realize our life  
Was full of memories.

Each day creates a new page  
In the long book of our life.  
We remember memories  
Of the past and live in the present.  
But the future lays uncertain  
Ahead on the long path ahead.

by Aarish Patel

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### **Black**

Beautiful owls wide awake at night.  
Luscious black cat with golden eyes.  
Amiable shadows of birds vibrant in the grass.  
Creative art drawn with black pens.  
Keen panthers sleeping peacefully.

by Riddhi Patel

## **Compassion**

Caring  
Obedient  
Mannerly  
Positive  
Amazing  
Satisfied  
Intelligent  
Optimistic  
Noble

by Shiva Patel

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Running on the field  
Kicking the black and white ball  
Scoring in the goal

by Sarah Pazmino

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Winds are cold  
Icicles are hanging  
Nice fresh air  
Trees are dancing  
Everyone playing  
Reindeers are running

by Khoa Pham

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Kindness is very good,  
It can be used in many ways,  
Kindness is very great.

by John Ptack



Kindness is centered  
In the very heart of every human  
Be kind to others

by Alexander Qi

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An ocean voyage  
As waves break over the bow  
The sea welcomes me

by Camryn Ralli

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Flowers shining,  
Trees swaying,  
Birds chirping,  
Book reading,  
Sports playing,  
Oh, is spring here!

by Mitchell Rashap

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Small acts of kindness  
go the longest ways to make  
someone smile brightly

by Mya Richardson

## Love

I'd rather have loyalty than love  
Cause love really don't mean jack  
See love is just a feeling  
You can love someone and still stab them in the back  
See loyalty is just a action  
You can love or hate someone and still have their back  
(Inspired by 21 Savage)

by Prakrit Saha

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Rainy days  
They make me want to have a steaming hot tea  
With some hot soup.  
They make me want to stay home  
With a classic book.  
The rain dances  
As it streams down my window.  
Tap--  
Tap, tap  
Tap, tap, tap  
From a drizzle  
To a downpour  
The rain fell like a waterfall.

by Leah Sarafoglu

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I move around my sleeping house  
As quiet as a mouse.  
The sky outside  
Is as dark as a black hole.  
It's like  
I'm staring out the window  
Into nothing but the  
Silent clouds  
That block the moon's light.

by Giavanna Schonleber

Come to school  
Now, don't be cruel  
If you do, then you're a fool  
We have a track  
And we have a ball rack  
You're out  
Now, don't pout  
And cry  
Or else, no sky  
The lunch is great  
I won't have a debate.

by Jake Sihlanick

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Wind blowing the trees  
The waterfall flowing down  
Birds singing their songs

by Ishita Singh

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At midnight,  
My eyes shined bright  
As the big, brilliant,  
Dazzling stars

by Sanaa Singleton

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### **Kindness**

Kindness is good  
It is very important  
Not being mean  
Doing the right thing  
Not being selfish  
Everyone can be kind  
Stop bullying  
Simple deeds are kindness

by Evan Siskopoulos

Water has no taste  
You can find it in a lake  
Spent too long on this

by Enzo Staudinger

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Kindness is very good  
Because it's good for your health  
Do great things everyday

by Brandon Tavares

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The people on the soccer field.  
I was sad and lonely.  
I was the only one on the bench.  
My coach let me play.  
I felt happy and filled with cheer.  
I will stop doubting things, help others,  
And give others a chance.

by Jason Tavares

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The crowded seats  
I was nervous  
The pressure is on  
Championship game  
I am up at bat  
Strike one  
Ball  
Ball  
Strike two  
Hit  
Crowd cheers  
Double  
Let's go!

by Michael Testa

## **Thunderstorms at Night**

Rumbling sounds  
through the night.  
Clapping of thunder  
rattled the windows.  
Heavy rain knocks  
on the roof to announce  
the arrival of the storm.

by Christopher Teutsch

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I saw food on the kitchen table,  
I was hungry.  
I felt hungry because I had not eaten in a while.  
The food was cold so my sister warmed it up.  
I then felt grateful.  
This changed me because I learned to help others.

by Nicholas Torresano

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## **Summer**

Sunshine casted down on your skin immediately filling you with a warm feeling that can only be described as happiness.

Under the cold pool water, blue reflections shine brightly on the pool floor as you swim away from your friends in a game of tag.

Moments feeling as if they'd last forever, time freezes as there is not a worry in sight.

Memories being made every second as laughter and excited squeals fill the warm summer night air.

Everyone at their happiest point, the feeling that this could never end.

Running through fields of flowers laughing.

by Genesis Valiente

## **School**

Safe  
Charismatic  
Home  
One place I feel safe  
Owner of education  
Loving

by Max Vanderbeck

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## **Compassion**

Cordiality  
Optimistic  
Magnanimity  
Philanthropy  
Amiability  
Sympathy  
Solicitousness  
Intentive  
Openness  
Nobility

by Kyla Wang

Snow gently falling  
Bright leaves drifting in the wind  
Seasons changing fast

by Benjamin Webb

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Playing soccer  
With the wind howling  
Fun funny fantastic  
Goals with the team  
Always celebrating  
Cheers with my family

by Brandon Wenzel

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Space is just empty  
It is quiet, cold, and dark  
What else is out there?

by Adeline Wu

## **The Rush of Water**

The sport of swimming  
The most exhilarating sport  
The Rush of Water

The early morning  
Practices are tough and hard  
The Rush of Water

It is late at night  
Practices are tiring  
The Rush of Water

Diving off the block  
The deep abyss awaits our dreams  
The Rush of Water

Swimming to the wall  
You feel the water passing  
The Rush of Water

Reaching to the wall  
Flip Turning and pushing off  
The Rush of Water

Sprinting the last lap  
Gasping for air as you kick  
The Rush of Water

You grasp your hand reaching for the wall  
The exhilarating feeling of victory  
That is the rush of water.

by Kaylee Yue







# GRADE 8



Excitement is green.  
It sounds like yelling in happiness.  
It smells like bacon cooking.  
It tastes like ice cream cake on your birthday.  
It looks like a smile.  
Excitement feels like you throw a no-hitter.

by Sean Accomando

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Non pandemic  
Comfort , Normal  
Playing sports , Hangout, School  
Gym, Gathering , Mask , Gloves  
Eating, Sleeping, Gaming  
Shared , Contagious  
Pandemic

by Dowed Akram

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**H**aving friendships that last a lifetime  
**O**n the ice, you can be a different person  
**C**oncentrating to be the best player you and your coaches know you can be  
**K**indness can come and go throughout, but the game stays the same  
**E**very team's goal is to win  
**Y**ou are one with the puck

by Mia Azzarello

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**H**ardworking  
**A**ccepting  
**R**eady for anything  
**L**ikable  
**E**ducated  
**Y**oung

by Harley Banker

Sharp needle like thorns,  
Yet soft, sweet, and delicate  
Radiant red rose

by Alexa Battaglia

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### **Summertime Fun at the Pool**

Summertime fun  
Wet toes in the water  
Ice cream truck driving around  
Marco Polo in the warm pool  
Many friends swimming around  
Ice pops after swimming  
Nachos and cheese from the snack bar  
Great fun as the summer flies by

by Logan Benderoth

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Crazy people think it's fake.  
Outrageous amounts of hand sanitizer.  
Rapidly spread throughout the world.  
Over 2.8 million deaths.  
New president during this outbreak.  
Away from family.  
Validate that you are six feet away from someone else.  
Inside your house.  
Really bad symptoms.  
Under the weather.  
Scary to think about.

by Ethan Byrd

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Snow days are the best  
Playing outside in the snow  
Not going to school

by Christopher Cardona

To love or not to love  
We shall love and be awarded  
Doves that fly from above  
Then marriage which doesn't mean  
We ride in a carriage if we love  
We shall trust and not have lust  
But to be kind is more than fine  
We shall not take it for granted but for the keeping  
It should help prevent us from weeping  
We shall care and be fair

by Ares Castillo

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Mr. Fornale inspires me to write.  
Thinking in my mind day and through the night,  
Always dreaming about the satellite.

The sun heats the splendid flowers of June,  
And summertime has extended form.

Thoughts of burgundy,  
Thoughts come randomly.

by David Castillo

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Peaceful atmosphere  
Calm thoughts and controlled breathing  
A mental reset

by Amanda Chan

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With all the tough difficulties and the draining workload,  
One must keep persisting on the torrent waves to stabilize the boat.  
As procrastination, gets oneself nowhere on the road.

by Suki Chen

## **Spring**

Spring is when the flowers grow  
Pricey flowers come and go  
Raise the prices because of demand  
It all must sell, sell it all  
Nice weather for pollination  
Grass is looking greener than ever

by R. J. Connolly

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## **The Feeling**

I saw, heard, felt her laughter and joy in the distance...  
Our shared smiles that only I knew  
Like a secret hidden between my thoughts,  
As an oasis in the desert to be discovered,  
Mixed feelings that I could not distinguish.  
But her angelic silhouette was slowly moving away;  
My doubts and feelings were becoming entangled.  
I felt a restlessness, an impulse that pushed me to do something.  
What is that feeling?  
It has a name, right? What is it?  
I need to know because it made me understand as she walked away  
That I was only the echo and not the voice.  
I was only a secondary character in a sad story.

by Eli Cuevas

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Compassion is good  
Always try to help people  
Don't watch them be hurt

by Edward Deng



### **Sonnet to the School**

My clever school, you inspire me to write.  
How I love the way you bounce, cook and soar,  
Invading my mind day and through the night,  
Always dreaming about the textbook oar.

Let me compare you to a great cherry?  
You are more bright, enjoyed and needed.  
Snow chills the berries of January,  
And winter's cold with your warmth is defeated.

How do I love you? Let me count the ways.  
I love your wild friends and activities.  
How your personality fills my days!  
My love for you is the sensitivities.

Now I must away with a floppy heart,  
Remember my bright words whilst we're apart.

by Ethan Diaz

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### **Summer**

Spring is finally over  
Umbrellas for the beach  
My opinion, I don't like the beach  
My mom goes to the beach  
Everytime I go to the pool, I jump off the diving board  
Rain is gone

by Max Eder

### **Skate Hate Board**

Sound asleep in the heat of the night  
Kangaroos rest in a small den  
At  
The land which is known as  
Elizabeth, Australia

High school is  
At  
The Watchung hills  
Estate

Bored  
Out of my mind  
At a boring  
Relaxing school that I want to get  
Dismissed from right now

by Oskar Gaebele

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Hospitals fill up  
Coronavirus breaks out  
Bing Bang Boom Covid

by Olivia Figueira

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### **Spring**

Sweet smell of the blossoming flowers  
Peony flowers  
Rain on the wet ground  
Impelling thoughts of summer break  
Nice weather  
Green on all the trees.

by Leah Goldgraber

## Summer

Swimming in the ocean  
Under the hot sun  
Making memories  
Morning sunrises  
Enjoying the warm weather  
Relaxing all day

by Maddie Goret

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When I entered this school I only had a week  
A week to explore and meet and greet  
People were nice, showed me nothing but kindness  
All I wanted to do was fit in with blindness  
I did not want to make my presence known  
I was still recovering from the rudeness I was shown  
No one was rude here, it was a paradise  
I adapted quickly and made everything right  
When school shut down, I was not very happy  
What would I do, I got all sappy  
Now a year later I'm going back in  
My face has nothing less than a grin  
I am still very nervous but filled with joy  
How bad can it be, oh boy oh boy

by Aryan Gujral

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## Cookies

Crunchy  
Oozing with chocolate  
Overwhelming smell  
Kitchen fun  
Incredibly delicious  
Eaten up fast  
Secret recipe

by Logan Han

## **Technology**

Technological advancements have been made  
Ever since technology became a thing.  
Computers change the earth forever.  
Hackers storm the internet in search of  
Numbers and intel.  
Only problem with technology is people suspect it might  
Leave the hands of people and  
Operate using no input as humans do.  
Great powers are held within technology and  
You have the power to change the world using it.

by Kevin Harned

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Rainy days,  
Cloudy days,  
Birds nests,  
Butterflies,  
Flowers,  
Windy days  
Nature is growing,  
Spring is arriving.

by Alassandria Herrera

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## **COVID**

Cannot leave your house without a mask on.  
Overly careful about your surroundings and who is by you.  
Very anxious you're going to get a disease  
Independant, you become more more independent now  
Deadly disease that is very dangerous.

by Elise Hildebrandt

Cruising through the fields  
Acrobatic aerials for a goal  
Racing for first place  
Scoring goals with an explosion

Awesome animations  
New episodes and movies every week  
Is always going to surprise you  
Manga spoilers are a pain  
Eraser head always comes in clutch.

Hinata scores every spike  
Always the underdog  
Is the team that beat shiratorizawa  
Kageyama makes the perfect sets  
Yamato keeps fukurodani in shape  
Uppercuts Hinata in a pinch  
Ups and downs determine the game

Attack  
On  
Titan

by Mason Holley

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Child  
Little, Tiny  
Running, Sleeping, Playing  
Toys, Shakers, Money, Taxes  
Working, Driving, Parenting  
Mature, Grown  
Adult

by Demetrius Hopkins

## **Basketball**

Believe in yourself.  
Active with the ball at all times.  
Spirit in yourself and your teammates.  
Keep your hands up when you are playing defense.  
Eat healthy and exercise.  
Talk to your teammates.  
Bring positivity into your game.  
Ask questions when in need of help.  
Love yourself and your teammates.  
Live in the moment while you are playing.

by Ashlee Howell

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## **Be The Elements**

Be the light; that brightens someone's day.  
Be the fire; that comforts with embracing hugs of warmth.  
Be the rain; that cries along with understanding.  
Above all, be the laughter; that will bring everyone up as you rise with them all.

by Tiffany Hwang

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Dangerous waters we tread in  
Mind and thought ablaze  
The heart wants what it wants  
As love is all but a phase

Hard to pinpoint the origin  
Unimaginable is this pain  
Lost and found within longing  
In my bed I have lain

by Srilakshmi Isukapalli

## **Bullying**

You hear the bullying through the walls  
You see the bullying in the halls  
You see a person help them up  
And becomes the victim's bud  
You learn to help the people bullied  
By carrying out the good deed

by Aayan Kabaria

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Video games can be entertaining  
They help to give dull days a new meaning.  
They are always there when things get boring.  
Staying up all night, no sleep, no snoring.  
Games galore, good times for sure.  
I get to meet new friends online.  
Pokemon, Minecraft, Geometry, Dash, and more.  
When I'm done with these GameStop's my store.

by Chandler Karim

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## **Honor**

Heavens gates shall most certainly  
Open for those of pious stature known for their  
Noble acts, as such thine has truly come to embrace  
Order, and the most civariouls of nature so  
Rejoice! Rejoice! For those with honor shall never be forgotten, unlike those vile and of rotten

by Frank Kelly

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## **Betrayal**

Betrayal is scary.  
It always comes from the ones  
That you have trust in.

by Anthony Klein

### **COVID-19 Poem**

COVID-19 is here to stay,  
We go through this every day.  
Go away COVID we want to play,  
Summer is near and we have no time,  
Now I feel like everything's a mime,  
We are all the same with these annoying masks,  
Can we take them off, shall we ask?  
With not much left we have no fear.  
Now sit down and let's just hear,  
No cheering, nothing, this is all a mess.  
Sports and activities, of course, were canceled.  
With everything canceled we have not much left,  
School is not the same so we took a break,  
This all comes out to the opposite of cheer.  
Let's look out for the next year.

by Cameron Kolakowski

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### **The Lake**

Loving family and friends on the water  
Able to tube and do water sports of the boat  
Kim and my mom make the meals before we go on the lake  
Every time we go up we are accompanied by my friends or family friends

by Colin Kolakowski

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### **Winter**

Warmth provided inside  
Inches of snow provide a fun place to hide  
New items are given, as it is the holiday season  
Tens of thousands of people laughing and smiling  
Everyone enjoys the cold weather with families  
Red and green lights hang from houses filled with happiness

by Zack Kusch



## Corona

COVID is the shortened version of corona  
Over two million deaths  
Recovered after covid was over 74 million people  
Our world went on lockdown/quarantine  
Nausea or vomiting might be a sign to get tested for covid  
Antibiotics were just discovered and people are getting vaccinated right now

by Abby Leonardis

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## Poetry

Producing narratives  
Objective correlation  
Eclogue  
Tautology  
Realism  
Yearning for more

by Noah Levine

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White powder falling  
The blustery wind anguished  
Firing sleet at trees

by Antony Li

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No one might like you.  
Don't worry, as it's all right.  
Listen to yourself.

by Eric Li

## **Trust**

Teammate  
Respect  
Unity  
Secure  
Thoughtful

by Emily Lipkin

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## **Calmness**

Calmness is as blue as the sea.  
It sounds like blissful clean silence.  
It smells like the salty ocean breeze.  
It tastes like fresh cool water.  
It looks like the seaside at sundown.  
Calmness feels like the cool ocean breeze.

by Ximeng Liu

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## **Games**

Games are for anyone who are willing to try,  
Although a few may rage and cry  
Many will still play for leisure since,  
Even little game time can lead to a  
Satisfaction that can be a wonderful experience

by Ethan Long

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Video games are fun to play  
I get better at them every day  
I play with my friends after school  
When I play with them I feel cool

by Joseph Lopez

Kindness is an Act  
Could be done by Anyone  
Be kind to the world

by Mohnish Manek

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Marissa  
Shy, Powerful, Funny, Kind- hearted  
Daughter of Stephanie and Manny  
Lover of Family, Friends, and Pets  
Who feels excited whenever she is able to see family or friends.  
Who needs more time in the morning to sleep.  
Who gives love, Happiness, and support.  
Who fears Spiders, Scary movies, and bugs (Insects)  
Who would like to see everyone happy.  
Resident of GreenBrook, New Jersey.

Marques

by Marissa Marques

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### **Winter**

Winter wonderland  
Icy roads  
New Year  
Temperature drops  
Enjoying hot chocolate  
Racing with sleds

by Olivia Massimo

## **Fine Line**

*Fine Line* is a very good album  
It includes singles from Harry Styles  
New singles will never replace Fineline  
Each song is unique in its own way  
Lots of very good songs  
In this one album  
No one can tell me otherwise  
Everyone should listen to *Fine Line*

by Valeria Mesa

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## **Vanessa**

Valiant  
Adventurous  
Nice  
Effervescent  
Sweet  
Saccharine  
Ambitious

by Vanessa Morales

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## **Saitama**

Strong  
Attiaquite  
Irresponsible  
Tackling  
Anticompetitive  
Monster  
Acclimatization

by Luca Morris

## **Football**

Fighting a lion to get into the endzone  
Outrageous tackling like jaguars from the defense  
Orders must be followed by your quarterback  
Tired as a sloth  
Be active and healthy  
Always try to secure the victory  
Lots of blocking from the offensive line  
Leaping up, my heart did into the end zone

by Bilal Mustafa

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Wolf  
Fearless, sneaky,  
Hunting, eating, growling  
Wolves are running through the woods as fast as a cheetah  
Strong

by Mariana Naser

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Always learn how to do things by yourself.  
Strive and never give up or surrender to anyone.  
And be sure to always help the ones around you and always try your best.  
Prosper and hope for the best and appreciate and value your life.

by Alan Olalla

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## **Unison**

I as one know who I am  
You as one know who you may become  
We as one know who we are  
They as one know who they are in unison

by Dylan Paritz

## **Spring**

Summer is in the glimpse yet not quite here  
Packed away the winter wardrobe  
Radiant vegetation all over  
Icy weather is no more  
Not hot yet not cold  
Good weather is pleasant

by Orhan Pehlivan

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Starting off the year filled with glee.  
Excited about my last year here,  
All I can do is take in  
My last moments in this school  
Where I met many people I call friends  
That turned out to be pretty cool.  
My brain is not the only thing that grew this year.  
I learned more about myself than just facts in the classroom.

by Giovanna Ramirez

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## **Summer**

So fun to play in the sun  
Utterly beautiful the sun is  
My favourite time of the year  
My face starts to feel the bright and nice sun glowing on my skin  
Even though it might rain people will find things to do on their own  
Run and play these are the things that most people enjoy and do in the summer

by Joey Richardson

**Sara**

Strive for strong success and perfection  
Achieve your goals and resurrection  
Resolve and heal your heart  
Accomplish the impossible from the start

by Sara Riedler

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Be kind every day  
A little goes a long way  
Make people smile

by Natalia Rodriguez

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**Video Games**

Everyday I like to play video games  
With my friends Joe and James  
Our favorite game is Fortnite  
That we play every night  
After school when I go to my house  
I get on my Xbox and plug in the mouse

by Rayirth Roy

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Shown gold, sin, and wealth,  
The servant stared down distraught.  
In honor, they left.

by Christian San Juan

## **Cold**

Can you feel the smoothness of the refreshing wind?  
Oncoming winds that come your way!  
Low temperatures that are so miniature!  
Deep freeze that will seize your body!

by Marcus San Juan

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Racial equality  
United country  
Bringing people together  
Ignorant people cause others to suffer  
Xenics can bring us together

by John Paul Scavo

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## **Bully**

**B**rutal but,  
**U**nderneath there is pain  
**L**ooking for something to take out anger  
**L**ooking for you  
**Y**ou, you shake it off, you find the person underneath

by Anisa Shah

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## **Kindness**

**K**ids learn this when they're young  
**I**t makes someones day  
**N**ever ask for something in return  
**D**eed that everyone appreciates  
**N**ever ending love  
**E**veryone loves a person who gives this  
**S**omething small or big  
**S**miles come from it everyday

by Rihaan Shah



## **Finn**

Fun  
Interesting  
Nifty  
Noble

by Finnegan Slattery

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as the wind blow [s] on the dark road,  
i look at my hands in sh [o] ck  
the [r] ed painting them is dripping  
as the b [r] ight lights reflect off the glass  
it wasn't m [y] fault, you know  
it wa [s] their fault for going  
if the flashing lights weren't en [o] ugh  
it was the hand [r] eaching past the glove box that broke me  
oh dea [r]  
dear god  
i will never go to a part [y] again  
just please  
bring me back my friend  
a] sk  
l] ove  
o] wn  
n] ever  
'e] re

by Jadyynn Spencer

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## **Time**

Too little  
Important  
Minutes into days  
Everyone needing more

by Alyse Stever

My friend was upset.  
He had a big math test.  
I helped him study.  
He was happy.  
My friend got a 85% on his test.  
My friend was so happy.

by Christopher Stewart

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I'd rather have loyalty than love  
Because love really doesn't mean jack  
Love is just a feeling  
You could love somebody and still stab them in the back  
I doesn't take much to love  
You could love somebody just by being attached  
Loyalty is a commitment  
I know you would have my back.

by Everett Streko

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A sweet helping hand  
A homework buddy that helps  
My best friend for life

by Angela Sun

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Trapped.  
In my own cycle,  
Nothing's changed,  
There's nothing to look forward to,  
No one to talk to,  
It's all the exact same,  
Nothing matters,  
I want to enjoy myself,  
Isn't life supposed to be beautiful?

by Sarina Tan

Sugar and butterflies  
Clouds and paintings in the sky  
Stars in the wide eyes.

by Suhani Verma

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Rainbows after rain  
Finding the good in all things  
Better days ahead

by Grace Wang

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Sprouting flowers arise from the ground.  
Pollen touching every surface  
Rain falls like cats and dogs.  
Increase in temperature  
Nothing like the nice warm breeze and  
Gardens filled with colorful and pastel plants

by Nikki Whalen

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Mother, you are always there. With  
Outreached hands you try and  
Touch me, to  
Hug me. I love you  
Enough to say so, with best  
Regards, and I will send this in a card.

by Caleb Williams

Freezing, cold  
Burr, woosh, shivering  
Ice, penguins, icebergs, polar bears  
crack, sniff, crunch  
chilly, icy-cold  
South Pole

by Ibrahim Williams

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Believe  
The candles flames danced;  
As the people around it pranced.

by Rachel Xin

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My love for you is like a citrus candle, so strong, everman's soul around us feels it...  
Doubts in our love is the breeze through an open window that blows it away...  
Tears run down the face of the broken hearted girl like the wax dripping down from the candle....  
But there is always another spark of a match to light the citrus candle up again...

by Gabriella Yanes

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Magical Summer  
Birds are chirping rapidly  
Children are laughing

by Michael Zepeda



