

## Original Poetry

### Red is Fire

by Cassandra (K215)

Red is fire.  
Red is roses.  
Red is ketchup on a hot dog.  
Orange is an orange.  
Orange is a crayon.  
Orange is the sunlight.  
Yellow is the sand.  
Yellow is a star.  
Yellow is the stripes of animals.  
Green is grass.  
Green is a leaf.  
Green is plants.  
Blue is the waves.  
Blue is the rug.  
Blue is the sky.  
Purple is grapes.  
Purple is the sky in a storm.  
Purple is my mother's favorite dress.  
These are all the colors in the rainbow.

### Barbie

by Hazel (K102)

Barbie, Barbie in the night  
Kitty meows at Barbie's feet  
Kitty says good night, night, night  
Barbie, Barbie in the night  
Barbie, Barbie sleep tight

### Chicago State

by Bushra (K104)

Chicago, Chicago  
Tacos are great.  
Chicago is a  
Good Place.

### Animal Tea Party

by Oliver (K104)

Little chick up in a tree  
said to a squirrel  
down on its knee  
"Come on, come on  
let's have some tea."

### Grass Fields

by Hugh (K104)

The trees are shaking  
The grass is swaying  
There is a path  
The mobile is going through

### Palm Oil is Harm Oil

by Ariella (K217)

If you like Orangutans and  
Lemurs like I do.  
And do not want them to just be  
in the zoo.  
Check at the back of your snack.  
If it has Palm Oil, give it back!  
Orangutans and Lemurs like to  
play all day in trees.  
Save their trees please.  
Palm Oil is Harm Oil!!!!

### Number Owl

by Chloe and Lucie (grade 2)

The number owl  
likes to growl and  
howl at the  
town towel  
say foul number owl  
to the tower in  
the shower under  
the brown crown.  
Down! Down! Mr. Frown said  
the clown wearing a gown.



### Dogs

by Isabella and Lenssa (grade 2)

Dogs are beautiful and they are cute,  
they are playful and friendly.  
Oh, and I bet if they really work on it, they  
can share a poem too!  
Dogs are smart, they put me in the love zone,  
and they are also sweet and very calm.  
Also they can be really funny when excited.

### Dogs

by Henry and Phineas (grade 2)

Dogs are hogs  
Hogging the balls  
With frogs and warthogs  
Eating the balls  
Playing the bongos  
And eating mangos

### Numbers

by Chloe (grade 2)

Numbers are cool, they like to rule.  
But ... they drool on school in a pool  
eating a mule!  
On top of a stool.  
They are blue with two blue shoes.

### Writers Block

by Mina (grade 2)

I pick up a pencil  
and see a blank piece of paper.  
I tell myself what should I write?  
Plop! An idea flies through my head.  
I try to write, but my head tells me  
not to.  
I keep on going.  
I realized only a minute flied by  
to me it felt like an hour till I wrote.

### Teeth

by Lucy (grade 2)

Teeth can be good, teeth can be bad  
I got my tooth pulled, it made me  
feel sad.  
The Tooth Fairy comes if you have a  
loose tooth  
It made me feel special, I'm sure you  
will too.

### Taco Bell

by Rasmus (grade 2)

Taco bell  
tacos with cheese  
Tacos with meat  
Tortillas with cheese  
and meat and neat nachos!

### Life

by Georgia (grade 2)

The steady thump of our feet ...  
The birds chirping ...  
The car rumbling by ...  
This is life.

## **Frog**

*by Blanca (grade 3)*

There once was a frog  
who lived on a log  
and his name was Bobo-frog.  
Bobo-frog wanted cookies from the  
cookie pot  
but he got caught  
by his mother-in-law.  
He went to the store to buy cookies  
from the shop but he hogged all the  
cookies from the cookie shop.

## **The Cat**

*by Carter (grade 4)*

Cats, mats and bats all eat rats  
A cat is like a mat, a bat is like a rat  
Cats, mats, rats and bats all eat brats  
Brats eat nats and brats  
A nat is like a brat.

## **Drip Drop**

*by Vida (grade 4)*

I looked up  
looking at the  
rain.  
A drop fell in my eye.  
The drop from the sky.  
Wait.  
That droplet  
from the clouds  
was just one of many  
tiny droplets  
falling  
from  
the sky

## **Dark Starry Night**

*by Jane (grade 4)*

It's a lonely dark starry night.  
Bursts of wind blow through the trees.  
It's a cold windy night.  
Whoosh! Whoosh!  
Tree branches and bushes shake.  
Rattle! Rattle!  
Leaves swirl up and slowly fall down  
like feathers.  
Soon all the leaves will fall and there  
will be none to fly at all.

## **Home**

*by Saron and Ayaat (grade 4)*

Where did I come from  
Where is my home  
Am I lost  
from the place I belong  
What path should I take  
Darkness or Light  
I'm filled with questions  
inside my head.  
I'm lost  
with no one around me  
to show me the way  
The path  
I must take  
lead my fears  
into the wild  
and let me explore  
The place that is now  
my home.

## **The Sun**

*by Jayden (grade 4)*

the sun is bright  
it's just a list  
it's gone at night  
hold it tight  
that's not right

## **In My Head**

*by Satchel (grade 4)*

Riding on a roku remote  
What?  
Getting chased by a t-rex  
from toy story.  
It was a superpower  
fire breath.  
What is this?  
Zooming through the flooded  
city  
on my roku remote  
the t-rex still chaises me  
he's walking on water.  
That's very wrong  
oh well  
Just another day  
actually night  
in my head.

## **Dragons**

*by Anna K. (grade 4)*

scaly dragons armed with claws  
unsheath the talons on their paws  
flapping, flying, soaring high  
into cloudy sunlit skies.  
dipping, swerving through the clouds  
roaring, blasting so, so, loud!  
giant, strong, clever, brave,  
nestled safely in a cave.  
shooting venom, shooting flame,  
out of thin air these creatures came.  
graceful cat-like beasts of flight  
filled with power, wisdom, might!  
clawing through the thick packed trees  
moving through jungles with ease.  
caring for young, fighting back attacks,  
waiting for colorful eggs to crack.  
baby dragons coming out,  
flapping, cracking with little shouts,  
baby dragon tries to urge,  
tiny fangs and wings emerge.  
little creature, little light,  
tiny dragon filled with might.  
color bursting from their scales,  
slashing talons, swerving tails.  
clever and happy, gentle beasts,  
flying south, west, north and east.  
dragons of fire, air and ice  
dragons big or small as mice.  
jungle, mountain, desert, plains  
shooting venom, lightning, flame.  
the smartest animal that occurs  
dragons are the best creatures!

## **Pond Walk**

*by Corinne (grade 4)*

Red leaves everywhere,  
Rocks flowing in the river  
People skipping rocks,  
kids fishing,  
men and women walking their dogs,  
trees different sizes and shapes,  
geese having full on conversations,  
boats swaying across the pond,  
people doing their daily run,  
acorns scattered everywhere,  
birds singing away their hearts,  
Pond walk.

## **Sisters**

by Liza (grade 4)

Me and her, her and me  
I'm ten, she is three.  
I like cats, she likes rats  
My friends are cool, her friends are brats.  
Mom says we should get along  
but why does it feel so wrong?  
If anyone asked how close were were  
I'd say a mile long.  
She like pink, I like black.  
She has a lack of art  
but mom says she's smart.  
Sure she gets good grades in school  
but the truth is, she's a fool.

## **Brothers**

by Noah (grade 4)

Me and him  
Him and me  
He's got a bad attitude  
and I work with gratitude.  
I am amazing and own a life of fame  
He's so different and completely lame.  
He likes nature  
But I'm the opposite picture  
I love the sea  
He's a billionaire, or that's what he  
Wants to be.  
When Mom and Dad ask if  
We can get along  
But together no is not how we belong.  
I like to chew gum  
and he's super dumb  
Stuck together, it's like we're  
The same body  
But him, yes, he's pretty naughty  
My brother is a little fool  
And compared to his seed it's  
a mule.  
Dad says he done his best  
But really I'm the one up to the test.  
He's an unfortunate soul  
But someday he'll pay a toll.  
I like to be myself  
And he doesn't keep him self .  
That's all I've said in my story  
Now it's time to get my glory.

## **Everything**

by Sahana (grade 4)

Everything is everything  
But everything isn't nothing  
So everything is the world  
So the world isn't nothing.  
But nobody has everything,  
But some people have nothing,  
So nothing is something,  
Even though it's nothing.  
So now it's clear:  
Everything is everything,  
And nothing is nothing  
And something is something ...  
But nothing is something!

## **Anti-Video Game Haikus**

by Daniel (grade 4)

Too many people  
play video games all day  
Their brains are rotting.  
  
No video games,  
Go try reading for a change,  
Get off that TV!

## **I Had a Dream Last Night**

(A two-voice poem)

by Corinne and Oyanne (grade 4)

I danced thru  
A scene last night  
at the Sydney Opera  
I made friends with a viking  
Who was dancing to my liking  
I had a dream last night

## **Bully Bully**

by Sophie (grade 4)

Bully bully why you so mean  
When I'm sweet butter cream  
Bully bully why do you do this  
When I full of bliss  
Bully bully I don't like you  
I hope you catch the flu  
Bully bully watch me eat fries  
and rise above the skies.

## **Summer**

by Marla and Oyane (grade 4)

Summer is golden  
Summer is green  
The freshly cut grass  
Makes me gleam  
The flowers blossom  
The trees swing  
The wonder essence of summer

## **Doughnut**

by Charlie (grade 4)

doughnut doughnut in my mouth  
sitting on the fluffy couch  
sprinkles frosting coconut  
how I love this doughnut.

## **Happiness**

by Felix (grade 5)

Happiness  
Lies not in they choices  
But in they self  
It lies in the heart of himself or herself  
It lies in thee  
Or a small flea or bee  
In the wide open sea  
Or the tall willow tree  
Happiness lies in thee  
but it lies not in me

## **Six Years**

by Anna T. (grade 5)

What is 6 years of ones life?  
Not a lot for some  
but for me it's more than half of my  
life.  
I've spent more than half of my life at  
Baldwin,  
and now May then June and I'm gone.  
With nothing but memories and  
photographs to replace me  
that will only get more faint over time.  
The things this place has taught me  
the teachers I know  
the way that I could call this place my  
second home.  
Morning meeting,  
the green and white of Baldwin shirts  
and Mr. Hyland's go away, then the ring  
across the room  
the following buses have arrived  
and now my final bus has been called.