Leaf

As it smiles in the sunlight
It falls and tumbles down
to the ground,
to the ground
It blows out of sight
You can’t chase it
Because it floats on

Ben Sauder
Age 7, Willowwind, 1st Grade
Blob Fish

Oh, blob fish,
you make me go wow!
You’re so cute you make me mute.
Your slime is so prime maybe the mime will play with your slime.

Cole Peden
Age 10, Penn, 4th Grade
Falling

A leaf is dancing,
Tap dancing.
A leaf is eating a kiss
On a stormy night.

Eero
Age 6, Willowwind, 1st Grade
Qin’s Cat Army

There once was an emperor named Qin
Who had thousands of cats as his friends
To die he was afraid
Terra-Cat-A Warriors he made
For his afterlife protecting Qin from within
MEOW

Ella Gilbert
Age 11, Lincoln, 5th Grade
Not Pizza

One time I ordered pizza but when I opened the lid,
I found a bottle cap, a lemonhead,
Chewed up gum and a paper crane.
Am I going insane?
But no pizza, nowhere, no sir!
What will we have for dinner?

Estelle Ralston
Age 9, Lincoln Elementary, 3rd Grade
What A Couch Thinks

I am a couch
I am able to hold people
I am happy when there is a party
everyone sits on me
and watches T.V. and eats pizza
I am sad that the cat is always scratching me
I wish I could convince my owner to get rid of the cat

Felix Green
Age 8 1/2, Willowwind, 2nd Grade
Classroom Animals

Rial says moo
Cora says meow
Hito says woof
Nithin says grrrr
Pierre says neigh
Lucas says heehaw
Elizabeth says ribbit

Hito Céspedes-Finnerty
Age 6, Willowwind, 1st Grade
Frog and Dog and the Hog

Frog and Dog on a log,
ext to a pod of hogs.
Frog and Dog on a log.
Oh, no! the hogs pushed them off,
and the hogs are now hogging the log.

Rilyn Cay Breinholt
Age 9, Penn Elementary, 4th Grade
Mother Acrostic

Master
Official doctor
Tag master
Helpful
Eye doctor
Respectful

Rial
Age 7, Willowwind, 2nd Grade
Polar Bears

Polar bears, cuties of the snow, make me wonder how they glow. Some are big, some are small, babies are there—one and all. They can dance, they can know, how far it is and where to go. Polar bears cute and all, little ones try not to fall. Polar bears play all day, and sometimes wonder what to say. “Roar, Grr, squeee?”

Tia
Age 10, Willowwind, 4th Grade
Time

Ten o’clock
The phone rings
The shock of death haunts the mother
As the piano sings

Trent Hoogerwerf
Age 17, Regina High School, 11th Grade
Black Bird

Little black bird in the tree
He is singing to me
Little worm under the ground
He is walking along
Big space in the sky, he is the ruler of I
Little me in my bed, I am asleep looking up at the sky
Who am I

Vidya Kumar
Age 7, Willowwind Elementary, 2nd Grade
Evil Hamster

I am an evil hamster.
I trip people on their legs.
Evil!
Evil!!
Evil!!!

Whitman Bozarth-Greteman
Age 8, Shimek Elementary, 3rd Grade
In the Water

In the water
There could be holes that go
Deep deep deep
Water and whales that go to
Sleep sleep sleep

Willa
Age 8, Willowwind, 2nd Grade
Opposite Santa Clause

He is very skinny and always wears green.
He lives in California where it is warm and bright.
He really doesn’t like the snow, especially the ice.
He never gives presents, especially not to nice children.
He is very very mean and very very clean.

Ziggy Love
Age 8, Willowwind, 2nd Grade
Love

Beat beat goes my heart as I watch him wink
Thump goes my heart stop being a dink
Thump thump goes my heart at the smile I see, for he walked over to me,
Pound pound goes my heart as I begin to speak
Thump thump goes my heart scurried away but glance to get one last peak
Thump goes my heart goes my heart for I am not having a good day and I see him walk away
Beat beat goes my heart my heart for this is love

Jae Dancer
Age 14, Southeast Jr. High, 8th Grade
Initials

J is for Jordy
A jellyfish and Jack o’ lantern
J is jolly and jogging, J is joyful
G is for Gryzlak
A game and a garden
G is green and giggling
G is great

Jordy
Age 7, Willowwind, 1st Grade
Soy Brings Joy!

Soy sauce brings me joy sauce,
As it does to Lee and Pete.
When I have soy sauce I’m happy
As can be.

Kenna C. Gage
Age 9, Lincoln Elementary, 3rd Grade
Basketball

Four tall girls block me,
but I sneak past them.
I shoot the hoop.
The crowd goes wild.

Kamila Swanson
Age 9, Penn Elementary, 4th Grade
Stuff In My House

Cauldrons and potions, Goblins and trolls, Spells and a wand,
A unicorn and magical plants,
Centaurs and giants,
A wand shop on one floor and 100,000 floors,
Goblets and food,
Those are the things in my house

Lucas Hawk Iverson
Age 7, Willowwind, 2nd Grade
The Cheetah and Its Prey

I smell you! You will be tasty!
I see you! Your antler, your fur, your wide eyes!
There you are! Don’t move! Pounce!
You’re getting away! Sprinting to the max!
La, la, la…maybe you will think I am tired.
Got you! Chomp! Oh no all I got was your antler!
Never mind. You can go for now. I’m wiped out!

Morgan
Age 8, Willowwind, 3rd Grade
Sorry, Owen

I’m sorry for blowing up your toaster.
It was really cool, though, the way your dad went crazy.
I got kicked out,
even though I told you
I had to go to baseball practice.
Sincerely, Nathan

Nathan
Age 10, Penn Elementary, 4th Grade
What My Dad Does

*Ding dong*
The store man rang the doorbell
*Bark bark*
The dog said
*Squish*
Dad stepped in a big dog poop
*What stinks?*

Pierre Shield
Age 7, Willowwind, 1st Grade
Sparks

There's a girl I know named Nebula
When she walks into the room all the walls fall down
When she talks the world makes sense, for a little while
Her smile is a jar of fireflies. When she laughs they turn into stars
I think I've missed her all my life
She made my skies collide

Rachel Thorpe
Age 16, City High, 10th Grade
Cross the Finish Line

Gigantic crowds of people screaming, cheering
Muscle burning, legs cramping, blood pumping
Coaches encouraging you to finish strong
Sweat rolling off your face like rain drops in a storm
Running faster faster faster
Right through the finish line
The race is over at least for now

Rebekah Longmire
Age 14, North Central Jr. High, 7th Grade
Chrismukkah

A special time once a year having joy
Snowflakes dancing on the wind
The lights dancing on the wind
The sound of crackling lights
Playing dreidel and dancing
Eating latkes and lighting the menorah
Joy, happiness, and laughter

Madeleine Seitz
Age 9, Willowwind, 3rd Grade
My Morning

Sitting by herself waiting for a train.
With my one good and one rigid arm,
I pick her up and kiss her.

Isaac Vollstedt
Age 17, Regina High School, 11th Grade
The reason I like pie and/or pi is…
pi has many numbers and here are some-
3.14159265359
and pie also has lots of different flavors like
cherry, pumpkin, strawberry, raspberry, and blueberry.
That’s the reason I like pie and/or pi.

Marko
Age 10, Willowwind, 4th Grade
Moonlight Sky

My dad and me
Just him and me
Outside, on the porch
Watching the moonlight shine
So bright, so pretty
Just my dad and me.

Makayla
Age 12, North Central Jr. High, 7th grade