



# THE FLIPSIDE



## THE CREATIVE COMMUNICATION CONTEST - *Essays selected for publication.*

It was a hot summer afternoon when my baseball team, the Giants, were playing the Dodgers. There were many parents in the stands watching this important playoff game. We were all ready to get started. I trotted into left field.

The game came to the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning when the Dodgers were batting. Our pitcher was set. He threw a fiery fastball straight to the target. "Strike!" screamed the umpire at the top of his lungs. The pitcher delivered a change-up, which seems like a fastball, but is slower. The batter slammed a double between the center fielder and me. I got to the ball and threw it to the second baseman. The next batter walked. There were runners on first and second. The pitcher threw a tricky curve ball, which seems like a change-up, but curves at the end. The batter swung and missed. The pitcher threw a mighty fastball, and the batter hit it between the shortstop's legs. I fielded it and threw it back to him. The bases were loaded. The best batter was up. The pitcher threw a rocket, but the batter hit it far. Swish! It was headed about forty feet away from me. I ran as fast as a cheetah and dove like a crashing plane to the ball. I was so amazed that I had caught it! I threw the ball back to the infield.

At the end of the game, even though we lost, parents from both teams congratulated me.

**RYAN WU**  
*Fifth Grade*

**ASSIGNMENT: Write a nature poem using vivid imagery and figurative language.**

The trees that are bare stand in the snow  
Like they're just shivering happily.  
Each one silently laughing low  
As they watch the road while the wind does blow.

**DANIEL BARBAKOFF**  
*Sixth Grade*

The beach was as calm as a summer day.  
No one else around, only me to play.  
The beautiful air flowing here and there—  
Noises come from where? Oh, please tell me where.

**TALIA FARANDA**  
*Sixth Grade*

The big Gypsy horses gallop in the fields.  
Their hoofs are like thunder when they hit the ground.  
"Ka-boom! Ka-boom!" is all I hear.  
I always know when they are near.

**IZABEL FARYNICK**  
*Sixth Grade*

Staring on a bridge at dawn  
In the city—  
It just looks so pretty.

In a house  
You can just get out of bed,  
But not without the thoughts  
Of greatness in your head.

**ROD ERIC JOSEPH**  
*Sixth Grade*

The sun is, oh, so shy.  
It always slips away, and I can't contain a sigh.  
I'll miss your warming rays  
Right 'til dusk turns back to day.

**UMA KANTH**  
*Sixth Grade*

The sun is hanging right in the sky.  
Its colors are orange and yellow and red.  
Some eyes seem like vultures; now so do mine  
As it fades away, I soon go to bed.

**ANN KOGOSOV**  
*Sixth Grade*

**ASSIGNMENT: Write an abecedarian.**

**A**nnie awaits her  
**B**irthday party for she will get lots of presents,  
**C**ontaining unknown goodies.  
**D**enny forgot about  
**E**dward's birthday, so Edward sat  
**F**uming in the corner because Denny wasn't there.  
**G**auging the distance to Irene's party,  
**H**aley thought she was never going to make it.  
**I**rene was very upset because Haley was her best friend.  
**J**amall sat on a real  
**K**ing's throne, then  
**L**owered himself down, so the other kids could sit on it.  
**M**elanie opened her last present, a  
**N**ylon apron, for baking. She  
**O**penly thanked her friend because Melanie loves to bake.  
**P**reston opened his first present, a Sponge Bob  
**Q**&**A**. Preston's mom  
**R**eminded him to thank  
**S**helly, gift giver.  
**T**ina was very upset. She had to miss Mary's party for an  
**U**rgent Girl Scouts meeting that she was only  
**V**aguely interested in.  
**W**oo hoo!" she said when the meeting ended early.  
**X**ylophones were Timmy's main interest, so he started  
**Y**elling when he didn't get one.  
**Z**orn!" he screamed, desperate like Holly.

**SABRINA ODIERNO**  
*Sixth Grade*

