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### Pentecost

By Karina Rauenhaurst

Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter. It is when all the apostles were infused with the tongues of the Holy Spirit. This means that they could speak in the native language of those they preached to. Pentecost occurs on a different date each year depending on what date Easter is on. Easter occurs the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Pentecost is also the beginning of a brand new liturgical season, ordinary time. During the infusion of the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary were all in the upper room praying and waiting for God to come back. Just ten days before was the ascension of our Lord and the apostles only knew that he would come back the way he left. Little did they know that he would come thousands of years later.

The ability to speak in different languages was a very important part of the spreading of the word to all nations. They could speak in crowds all around the world and have every one understand what they were saying. Pentecost is well known as the birth of the Christian church. And it is also called Whitsunday which means "White Sunday". Many adults are baptized on Pentecost and converted to our faith. The garment that most people getting baptized wear is the color white.

Some Christians are also confirmed on or near the day of Pentecost. This is because during Confirmation, the confirmed are also infused with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. These gifts will help those confirmed fulfill their Christian vocation and life through God. It truly does help people get through their day to day lives.

*"Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God "Father" and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory."*

- St. Basil, De Spiritu Sancto

### Earth Day

By: Mario Eiden

I bet most of you have heard the saying, "Protect the Earth!" and that's what Earth Day is all about. Earth Day is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Earth day was created in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. Earth day is in the fall in the southern hemisphere and in the spring in the northern hemisphere. Earth Day is extremely close to World Environment Day.

Earth Day was created to promote environmental friendliness on college campuses. It then spread to the outer community, and participation is now very high. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a very important date for people who are Earth friendly. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the birthday of Julius Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, a national tree-planting holiday started in 1872. This being said, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a very important day in United States History.

Earth Day has promoted being Earth friendly for many years. This encourages many people to be eco friendly, and helped out the Earth immensely. On average, more than 20 million people participate in Earth Day. Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day to simply try to help out the Earth, and it has spread to be recognized as a national holiday.

Many people criticize Earth Day, and frown upon it. Some extreme environmentalists are also not too fond of Earth Day. Many environmentalists believe that Earth Day is too similar to Arbor Day. Other people believe that there doesn't have to be an Earth Day. They believe the Earth does not need its own holiday, and that it's not in trouble.

All in all Earth Day is an important thing. It reminds us to recycle and help out the Earth. Without it, the goodness of the Earth wouldn't cross people's minds and no action would be taken.



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# 7TH & 8TH GRADE LIMERICKS

## God's Word

God said, "let there be light!"  
And truly it was bright.  
He made Adam and Eve  
But then they had to leave  
And so that there was no fight.

**Andrew Kalupa**

## A Guy on a Bike

There once was a guy on a bike.  
He should've been on a trike.  
He tripped and fell,  
The rest I couldn't tell,  
About the poor, poor guy on a bike.

**Blake Timm**

## The Man From Spooner

There once was a man from  
Spooner.  
Who wanted to move later or sooner.  
To Minnesota for hiking,  
But he didn't like the vikings.  
The sad old man went back to  
Spooner.

**Lane Scherber**

## The Trinity

The Trinity is three in one.  
In the Trinity no evil has ever been done.  
With God in heaven, and Jesus on Earth,  
The Holy Spirit is everywhere, even in  
your hearth.  
But still they are always three in one

**Mario Eiden**

## Research

Research can be very laborious,  
Sometimes it makes you furious,  
But there's no reward  
At the end of the cord  
A result that makes others curious

**Maria Frie**

## Spring

Spring time brings out such joy,  
For every single girl and boy  
Flowers a sprout,  
No one can pout  
That snow is gone and spring is such a  
joy!

**Chris Nelson**

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# 8TH GRADERS

## A Tribute To My Friends

By Mario Eiden

My name is Mario Eiden and I am a 7th grader at MQP. There are only two students in my class this year, Karina and I. As a result, we were blessed to be able to be join the 8th grade students for many subjects and spend a great deal of time with the them. A lot of my friends were already in 8th grade, but this year I was able to more deeply learn about and interact with the entire class.

They all have different personalities, and all have different assets that they bring to class each and everyday. They all can make you smile and laugh, even when your feeling gloomy, and I have no idea what I would do without them. I thought it would be appropriate to write a little bit about each and everyone of them and thank them for their time at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School.

**Ian:** Ian has an amazing personality and is one of the smartest people I know. He is an extremely deep thinker and knows when it is appropriate to take risks, and when to play it safe.

**AJ:** AJ is everyone's friend. He always brightens your day and is always willing to help you with whatever problem you may have. If you ever have a questions about nature, hunting, fishing, or anything else that involves the outdoors, AJ is your man.

**Lane:** Lane is our computer wiz. He knows the ins and outs of any piece of technology. He also transfers his means of thinking into all aspects of life. He is highly excelled in all areas, and is always there to lend a hand. He is also the head of all of our fantasy sport leagues.

**Mason:** Mason, otherwise known as *Chuckles*, is one of the brightest and funniest persons you will ever meet. His constant jokes and hysterical remarks makes school and the most boring and sad times entertaining and funny.

**Chris:** Chris is one of the most fun guys you will ever meet. He brings something that no one else has to class. He can always make you laugh, and is always up to anything you throw at him.

**Allison:** Allison is the person that everyone gets along with. No matter what she will laugh at your jokes, even if they're really bad ones, and she will make you feel good. With out her smile and charm it would be really hard for all of us to make it through the year.

**Maria:** Maria is the "hands on" type of person. She can make almost anything, and is highly skilled in basic skills such as sewing, making candles, raising ducks and bees, and gardening. Maria always has a smile on her face, and is always giggling.

**Lauren:** Lauren is the new girl, who arrived last year. I don't know what our class would be like with out her. She is really funny and nice. She laughs at all of your jokes, and she can make the saddest moments funny.

**Jerald:** Jerald is an all around good guy. He has so many qualities it is hard to name them all. He is always up for something new, and loves to play sports. He has guided us all in ways we can't even imagine. He also is extremely smart in the ways of war, and the history of war.

**Blake:** Blake is the guy that knows everything about almost every single sports. He is also one of the smartest people I know. He is extremely funny, and puts a spark in everyone.

**Jake:** Jake is the guy who is always looking for fun. He is up for anything, and is always there for you when you need a friend. He is a born leader, and assists everyone in the difficulties of school, and any other things that may come up.

**Mackenzie:** Mackenzie is an arts and crafts girl. She is highly skilled at drawing, and making things with beads and metals. Even though she is highly skilled at crafts, she is a big sports person, and even used to play football with boys! She knows everything you need to know about airplanes, and is always there to help you.

**April:** April is an extremely nice person. She will always make you happy, no matter what mood you are in. She puts a fire in everyone that will never go away.

**Good Luck in the years to come 8th Grade!!!**

**May God bless you in new  
and wondrous ways!**

# S.P.R.I.N.G. POEMS

## BY 1ST GRADE

S.pring girl  
P.retty flowers  
R.ide your bike  
I. think spring is fun  
N.ice garden  
G.od created spring

Molly

S.wimming  
P.ark  
R.ide your bike  
I. love flowers  
N.ew life  
G.reen

James

S.wimming  
P.ink flowers  
R.ollerblading  
I. love spring  
N.ice  
G.oodbye winter

Sarah

S.pring  
P.lay outside  
R.ide your bike  
I.ce cream  
N.ice  
G.arden

Hannah

S.ummer is coming  
P.lay outside  
R.ain  
I.ce cream  
N.ew life  
G.reen grass

Layton

S.unny  
P.lay outside  
R.oller blading  
I.ce cream  
N.ice  
G.oodbye winter

Rachael

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# ANIMAL REPORTS

## BY 3RD GRADE

### **Raccoons**

**By Dylan Timm**

Raccoons are extremely cool mammals that live in the woods. The raccoon is one of the most exciting and thrilling animals. They like trees. They eat from people's trash and they are black and white.

Being a raccoon means having to eat raw fish. IT also includes having to eat trash. The like trash the most. They also eat frogs and berries.

Usually raccoons live in the woods near water. They also like to live in hollow logs. They live in trees too. They like trees the most. They also love being in dens.

Raccoons have white stomachs, but they are gray everywhere else except for two more spots. They have what looks like a black mask around their eyes. They also have black stripes around their tails.

Raccoons are extremely cool mammals that live in the woods. Raccoons really don't have prey; they just eat animals if they're already dead. Yet, the raccoons have a lot of predators. These predators are wolves and bears.

### **Wolves**

**By Thomas Setter**

Wolves have sharp teeth that dig into the prey's flesh. Wolves can hide in very convenient places like up in trees. They run strikingly fast to catch prey. They stand on the tips of their toes to jump on things; Wolves live mainly in the Northern Hemisphere.

Wolves eat wild sheep, moose, caribou, deer, and more. They mostly catch one out of every ten moose they hunt. Most of their prey runs faster than them. They need at least one pound of food everyday. Every once in a while they will eat garbage if they're really hungry.

Wolves live in certain places like Asia, hot places, deserts, North America, and pretty much everywhere. Wolves can live in a lot of different climates and areas. They can live in forests, mountains, swaps, and even the frozen tundra. For example,

Timber Wolves live in North America in places like Minnesota, and the Arctic Wolf lives in colder places, such as Alaska.

Wolves live in packs but that is just a name for a family of wolves. Packs are usually made up of a mother and father, their pups, and other relatives. Packs can be from three to as many as twenty wolves. The pack hunts, eats, and travels all together.

Wolves are animals that live mainly in the Northern part of the world. Wolves can hide in high places. Some wolves are extinct like the Red Wolf. Wolves are very interesting to learn about.

### **Mice**

**By Kalina Ranallo**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be as small as a mouse and run as fast as one too? Did you know mice are great at hiding? That is no surprise for how small they are. Also mice search around houses trying to eat food. Mice are one of the smallest animals to find. In the fall when the leaves are moving and no wind is blowing there is probably a mouse around.

What do mice eat? They eat seeds as small as crumbs. Mice love wet cold leaves. Grasshoppers are hardest to catch for mice. They prefer caterpillars.

Mice can be different colors. They can be brown, gray, white, or black. They also change in size. Some mice are as big as 11 grams. They smallest mouse is half that size.

Mice live in very small places. Mice also can be found in deserts. Mice are not picky where they live. They will live in hot or cold places. They can also be found running in the field.

Mice are one of the smallest mammals in the world. They way mice make holes in houses are by starting to chew and not stopping until they are done. Mice scatter all over the world. They can be found almost anywhere. They can squeeze through the smallest of holes.

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# ANIMAL REPORTS

## BY 3RD GRADE

### Sheep

**By Emma Lezer**

Sheep have a huge coat of wool. They have a lot of wool unless they were just sheered. If someone sticks something into the wool of the sheep, it will come out all oily. A sheep's coat is waterproof, so the oil keeps them dry. Sheep live all around the world

Sheep eat a lot. They eat almost anything that is in their tray. They eat corn, soy beans, clover, and grass. They eat a bunch of other things too. Sheep gain a lot of pounds when they eat and they eat a lot everyday.

Sheep live around the world, but most sheep live in New Zealand and in Australia. IN New Zealand for every one person there are twelve sheep. For example, if every one person in New Zealand has twelve sheep, how many sheep would there be? (Hint, there are a bunch of people that live in New Zealand!). This is just too many sheep to count. They live in flocks outside on farm land too.

Sheep have thick wool. Wool is pretty much fur. They have two toes, unlike humans who have five toes. Their toes are just like hooves, only called toes, like ours. Sheep can get up to thirty two inches, that's two feet and eight inches. They can weigh up to 220 pounds. Wow! Sheep come in different colors. If the mother is a black sheep, the babies are black all over, but when they grow up only their head and legs are black and their body is white. Some brown sheep have brown legs, head, and coat for their whole life.

Sheep live all around the world. They are very cool animals. Sheep are fun animals too. They will eat straight out of people's hands! Most sheep are scared of people, but they don't need to be because most people think sheep are really cool.

### Deer

**By Mitchell Burton**

They are interesting animals. Who are they? It is a wildlife deer. Deer are fun and if you do not like them now, you will after you read this report. Deer are amazing and exciting animals.

Deer can hop eight feet high and a distance of thirty feet. That allows them to jump a giant fence! Their antlers can weigh 78 pounds when they are fully grown! It must be a lot of weight to carry. With their antlers, they fight for mates or territory. White tail deer are the most hunted

deer. Deer can run thirty miles per hour!

Deer love food! They eat about ten pounds a day! They eat nuts, apples, fruit, grass and bark. Out of all of these, the deer like apples the best. Deer are killed by cougars, wolves, cars, and hunters. That is a lot!

Deer are almost everywhere in the U.S. They live in swamps, fields, forest and the woods. They like fields the best, but they usually stay in one spot.

Deer are cool and tasty, but the deer population is getting smaller and smaller. With the help of hunting laws, deer will not go extinct. Hunting laws make sure that people don't shoot more than their limit. Hunting licenses also enforce how many female and male deer can be killed. Fewer permits are given out for does (females) because they give birth to deer.

The next time you see deer remember that they are amazing and exciting animals!

### Porcupines

**By Leah Lyngen**

People may wonder what a porcupine's life would be like. Really, they are extremely pokey creatures. What might a porcupine eat? How long are they? Porcupines are really interesting to learn about.

Porcupines weigh about thirty pounds. They do not weigh a large amount. The porcupine's tail is fifty centimeters long. Porcupines have quills, or prickly things, on their back to protect them. Their body size is thirty two centimeters or twenty four inches long. Really their body is not that big.

Some porcupines live in rock shrubs. Other types of porcupines live in tropical forests. Still other kinds of porcupines live in grasslands. Porcupines also stay in tundras, which are areas with no trees. It is amazing all of the different places in which porcupines live.

Porcupines eat many different kinds of foods. Some eat leaves. Other porcupines eat seeds and roots. Also they may eat bulbs. Porcupines eat extraordinary things.

Porcupines are really interesting to learn about. People find porcupines to be exciting. There is a lot to learn about them. Porcupines are extremely awesome creatures. They are very different compared to other animals.

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# FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

## BY 4TH GRADE

***Editor's Note:** Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals formulated specially for starving children, and ship the meals to nearly 70 countries around the world. A single bag of food feeds 6 children and costs about \$1.15 to produce. For more information, visit [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org).*

### **Feed My Starving Children**

**By Paige Jayasuriya**

Feed my starving children is a place where you make food for children all around the world that are starving. It helps make people have more hope. It also helps feed people. They send the food to over 50 places around the world. They even have food especially for babies!

I had a lot of fun. I think that you would have a lot of fun there too. I got to put the soy in first. The second thing I got to do was to box. After you fill a box, you yell, "Box!" and people come take the box to the storage room. I third thing I did was to bag. The last thing was to put in the veggies and soy again. You should try to go to Feed My Starving Children sometime too.

At the end, we cleaned up, and tried some of the food that was made. We produced 81 boxes, which is enough to feed 48 kids for a year! We made a total of a little over 17,000 meals. It made me feel so good that I was able to help so many people. WE always say we're hungry, and we should see how sad it is and how hungry they are over there. I am very happy and proud that I got to help them.

*Blessed are those who are  
generous, because they  
feed the poor.  
Proverbs 22:9*

### **My Experience** **By Grace Eiden**

Have you ever been to Feed My Starving Children? I have and it is so fun. What we did there was pack food for Haiti and other countries. Feed My Starving Children ships its food to over 50 different countries helping many hungry people. Then Feed My Starving Children makes sure the food gets to the people that need it the most. Each pack of food can feed six people!

At Feed My Starving Children I had a great time. I did all of the jobs. I scooped up chicken, veggies, soy and rice. I also but the bags on the nozzle and weighed them on the scale. I only got to box the food once. My favorite job was weighing the food. You should really try it sometime.

At eh end of the field trip we had to do the dishes and clean up. We got to try some of the food we made. I didn't like it that much, but I be the hungry people love it! WE made over 17,000 meals, which is equal to 81 boxes. IT is enou8gh food to feed 48 children for an entire year, lung breakfast and dinner. I was so happy and glad we did that. I hope we can go again next year.

### **Helping Other Children**

**By McKenna Dillon**

Feed My Starving Children helps children in over 50 countries. Each of the packets to feed the children costs only 17 cents. That is all it needs for a hungry child to have another chance at life. To help, you can go with friends and make meals for lots of kids!

Do you like to bag food and box it? I got to do that. I also got to put food in the bags. It feels good to now that you made a difference in the life of a hungry child.

We made over 17,000 meals. I felt really good after I got finished. We made 48 children have a meal for a whole year. It ended up amazingly! We all felt good about it because we made the poor and less fortunate happy and not so hungry.

# **Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Graduates**

*I was given a copy of the Writings of William Arthur Ward by one of my teachers. I have carried a copy of the following verses and quotes with me always. May these writings by William Arthur Ward serve as a guiding light on your journey into greatness, adventure, and immortality. . . .may you all be realists.*

*Mrs. K*

## **If You Are Wise**

**By William Arthur Ward (1921-1994)**

### **If you are wise, you will forget yourself into greatness.**

Forget your rights, but remember your responsibilities.  
Forget your inconveniences, but remember your blessings.  
Forget your own accomplishments, but remember your debts to others.  
Forget your privileges, but remember your obligations.  
Follow the examples of Florence Nightingale, of Albert Schweitzer, of Abraham Lincoln, of Tom Dooley,  
and forget yourself into greatness.

### **If you are wise, you will empty yourself into adventure.**

Remember the words of General Douglas MacArthur: "There is no security on this earth. There is only opportunity."  
Empty your days of the search for security; fill them with a passion for service.  
Empty your hours of the ambition for recognition; fill them with the aspiration for achievement.  
Empty your moments of the need for entertainment; fill them with the quest for creativity.

### **If you are wise, you will lose yourself into immortality.**

Lose your cynicism. Lose your doubts. Lose your fears. Lose your anxiety. Lose your unbelief.  
Remember these truths: A person must soon forget himself to be long remembered. He must empty himself in order to discover a fuller self. He must lose himself to find himself.  
Forget yourself into greatness. Empty yourself into adventure. Lose yourself into immortality.

### ***My favorite quotes by William Arthur Ward.***

The price of excellence is discipline. The cost of mediocrity is disappointment.

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"

Nothing limits achievement like small thinking; nothing expands possibilities like unleashed imagination.

Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not envy, to follow but not imitate,  
to praise but not flatter, and to lead but not manipulate.

Wise are those who learn that the bottom line doesn't always have to be their top priority.

Friendship flourishes at the fountain of forgiveness.

Opportunities are like sunrises - if you wait too long, you miss them.

The pessimist complains about the wind;  
the optimist expects it to change;  
the realist adjusts the sails.

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths;  
feels your fears but fortifies your faith;  
sees your anxieties but frees your spirit;  
recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.