

# Buono's 2005 7<sup>th</sup> Annual School Poetry Contest Winners

## Birney Elementary School

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Seiko Serizawa, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Mr. Salzman's room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Michelle Moreno, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Ms. Andrade's room  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Charles Ton, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Ms. Andrade's room  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Vince Bantay, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Goodman's room  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Gavino Cisneros, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Salzman's room

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Wonders of Italy

-Seiko Serizawa

Italy is a peaceful place  
It is one of the wonders of the world,  
And it's filled with love and grace.  
Italy has pizza, spaghetti, gelatos, and more.  
Italy is very beautiful.  
The sun goes up and the dun goes down,  
And everyone looks all around.  
It has fairness and care-ness,  
There's no meanness or badness,  
Just peace, love, and wonderful grace.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Italy and Its Wonderful Wonders

-Michelle Moreno

When you go to Rome  
You will feel right at home  
Italy your Leaning Tower of Pisa is so tall  
When I'm up there I'm afraid I might fall  
Oh the artists I love them so  
Like the famous Michelangelo  
He's not an artist but he gives people hope  
He's the great and religious Pope  
Even though now I have to depart  
Italy will always stay in my heart.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Italy

-Charles Ton

Italy is shaped like a boot  
If you go shopping there make sure you bring loot  
You will see Italy's amazing mountains  
sometimes Venice looks like a flooded fountain.

If you go to Venice  
never go by car  
always go by boat  
or you won't get very far.

I'd love to see the famous coliseum  
and also the best museums  
There's so much places in Italy for me to roam  
To me it's just like my fantastic home.

## **Burnett Elementary School**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Amanda Ray, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Monaghan's room

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Elizabeth Casillas, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mr. Monaghan's room

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lilliana Ojeda, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Monaghan's room

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Melissa Olmeda, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mr. Monaghan's room

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Diamond Robinson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mr. Monaghan's room

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place**

#### Italy Poem

-Amanda Ray

Italy is known for great art, great pizza and great people  
They wouldn't do anything bad or illegal

In Italy there is a city called Rome  
People there make you feel at home

In old beautiful Italy there is a Pope  
That gives many people faith and hope

When you go to see Italy you'll see incredible sights  
And when you taste their pizza you'll scream with delight

When you look at Italy what do you see, a boot or some trees?  
If you go visit and then you'll see all the wonders and beauty of great Italy!

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

#### Italy, Italy, Italy

-Elizabeth Casillas

Italy is wonderful!  
Italy is the best!  
Italy is better than all the rest!

Italy is famous for pizza...  
Oh! And don't forget...the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Can't forget Rome...  
I really wish it was my home!

Italy this and Italy that!  
I think I'm going crazy will these Italy facts!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

#### Italy

-Lilliana Ojeda

A pepperoni sounds real good to me  
A pizza maker is what I want to be

The smell of fettuccini in the air  
Gives me goose bumps everywhere

The sports cards in Italy are so cool  
Whoever doesn't own one is a fool

Italy is such a great place to me  
That's exactly where I want to be.

## Cesar Chavez Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Valentino Avalos, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Fox's room 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ashley Senart, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Mrs. Vargas' room

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jahshua Pallares, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Mr. Hunt's room

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Samantha Jauregui, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Mr. Fox's room

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Brenda Hernandez, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Ms. Tran room

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Italy

-Valentino "Tino" Avalos, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10

Italy, the land of dreams  
Where the hills are green  
and the people are friendly.  
Where the castles gleam of  
tales of old, and cobblestone streets  
where my ancestors once walked.  
This land of family welcoming me home,  
and hoping I'll stay and rest for a while.  
Italy forever with me wherever I go.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### A Rhyme For Italy

-Ashley Senart, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8

I want to go to Rome  
I wish it was my home.  
Rome is so sweet.  
I wish it was under my feat.  
Rome is so nice.  
I wish it had no mice.  
Rome is a good land.  
I wish I could hold it in my hand.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### A Great Day in Rome

-Jahshua Pallares, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8

I woke up in Venice  
and moved to Rome  
I stopped at a restaurant  
and ate spaghetti  
I imagined eating spaghetti  
with Christopher Columbus  
It was a great day in Rome!

## Edison Elementary School

One submitted: Ingrid Hernandez (not qualified for printing in book – yet will earn \$50 gift certificate & certificate)

## 15<sup>th</sup> St. Elementary

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Leonardo Velasco, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mr. Fisher's room

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Denise Aguilar, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Fisher's room

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Esmeralda Silva, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Fisher's room

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Inez Marie Gonzalez, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mr. Fisher's room

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Faith Ricardos, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Mr. Paieda's room

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### I went to Italy

-Leonardo Velasco

I went to Italy on a stallion  
I found a box with a medallion.  
Then I kept on going with my stallion  
I figured something was wrong with the medallion.  
I touched the medallion and there was a flash  
There was a sound, it sounded like a car crash.  
After all the sound I opened my eyes and I saw  
the leaning Tower of Pisa.  
I went inside and I ordered a pizza with cheese.  
I left half for the stallion then I went to get a drink.  
There was a person eating on a sausage link.  
A guy saw me with the medallion and told  
with that medallion you can come and go  
as you please.  
I asked, "Can I have some cheddar cheese?"  
Then I held the medallion and said, take me back home.  
I thought tomorrow I'll go to Rome.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Italian Food

-Denise Aguilar

Italian spaghetti is good,  
I would eat it all if I could.  
Italian lasagna is the best,  
I'd take it with me even if I was on a quest.  
Italian pizza is great,  
I'd eat it even if there was an earthquake.  
I love Italian food,  
I eat it in every mood!!!!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Rome is the Best

-Esmeralda Silva

Pasta is better at Rome,  
It's not like the Pasta at Home.  
Pizza is so tasty  
My mom makes it nasty.  
I wish San Pedro was Rome,  
So we could eat Italian food everyday.  
But we have Buono's to bring home,  
So we got a little Rome.

## Garfield Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Anabel Garcia, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Richardson's room

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jankarlo Castaneda, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Age 8, Mr. Martinez's room 244

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stephanie Gonzales, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Mrs. Morales room

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Juan Salinas, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mrs. Richardson's room

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Johnny Gonzales, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Ms. Morales room

### First Place

#### What do People Think of Italy

-Anabel Garcia, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

What do people think of Italy?

Do they think of gondolas and Amerigo Vespucci?

Do they think of the Leaning Tower of Pisa,

or perhaps the famous Mona Lisa?

Do they think of Galileo Galilee,

or probably beautiful designs and Gucci?

How about the planets and Leonardo di Vinci?

And even if you answered of what I think,

what do people think of Italy?

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### The Tower of Pisa

-Jankarlo Castaneda, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Age 8

Taking two centuries to create.

Having a blast with ringing bells.

Everyone likes the lovely landmark.

Taking each step along the stairs.

Oh what a powerful tower!

Why was it worked so badly?

Everlasting strength.

Ruined if it collapses.

Oh might tower of Pisa!

Finishless power.

Power never ending.

Infinite might.

Strong and supreme.

A powerful tower.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Italy

-Stephanie Gonzalez, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Age 8

Italy you're shaped like a boot

I'm sure you could fit a very big foot.

Your flag reminds me of Mexico.

Italian reminds me of Spanish

But it's a language that I don't know.

Italians speak Italian I know.

I wonder if Italy is a place I'll ever know?

How would I get there?

Does anyone know?

## International Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jasmine Ayala, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mr. Mark's class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Priscila Nungaray, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Mark's class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lawrence Wandick, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Mark's class

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Elizabeth "Lizzie" Garcia, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Mark's class

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Kenna Williams, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Ephraim's class

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Meatballs and Ravioli

-Jasmine Ayala

Meatball, Meatball,  
Spaghetti with the meat,  
Ravioli, Ravioli,  
pass me my cell-"phony,"  
So I can call Mr. Tony,  
to help me add the pepperoni,  
On pepperoni, pepperoni,  
On my warm cheese-a-roni,  
Makes my pepperoni on so deliciouni,  
Love it!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### What do you see?

-Priscila Nungaray

Meatballs, meatballs,  
What do you see?  
Spaghetti looking at me.

Spaghetti, spaghetti,  
what do you see?  
Cheese looking at me.

Cheese, Cheese,  
What do you see?  
Green peas looking at me.

Peas, Pease  
What do you see?  
Pepperoni looking gat me

Pepperoni, Pepperoni  
What do you see?  
Macaroni looking at me

And what do you see?  
I see the end of this poetry.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Pizza Pizza

-Lawrence Wandick

Pizza, Pizza on the wall  
Pizza, Pizza on the ball  
Pizza, Pizza I love you  
Pizza, Pizza I am glued  
Pizza, Pizza to you  
Pizza, Pizza will I see?  
Pizza, Pizza, I will see!

## Lafayette

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Daishia Nichols, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, K. Gault's class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tiffany Khou, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, K. Gault's class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Devontae Reynolds, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, K. Gault's class

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Harsh Patel, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, K. Gault's class

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Karina Aguilar, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, K. Gault's class

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Pizza

-Daishia Nichols

Pizza Pizza with grilled cheese

Pizza Pizza you don't make me sneeze.

Even though you taste so good, I choose to give you to my friend

who will someday be a man

a man that loves pizza.

Pizza Pizza with grilled cheese

Pizza Pizza you don't make me sneeze.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Lasagna

-Tiffany Khou

All red and white

Delicious, tomatoey, tasty

juicy, meaty, meatballs

spicy, soft.

Yummy all nice and cheesy

It'll feel like heaven

'cause it has it all.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Spaghetti and Meatballs

-Devontae Reynolds

Long lasting tasty sauce,

sauce melting,

juicy meatballs are meaty,

like it's bursting out meat,

chewy saucy meat,

spaghetti like a long rope,

Mmmm...delicious!

## Leland Street School

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aleksandra Bolta, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. Colloca's class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Raquel Cortez, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Ms. Matsumura's class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Selena Jiang, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mrs. Matsumura's class

4<sup>th</sup> place: Jonathon Burne, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. Matsumura's class

5<sup>th</sup> place: Sarina Edwards, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Ms. Siriwardene's class

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Food For a Good Mood – by Aleksandra Bolta, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9

Italy has the best food  
So you are in a good mood.  
Gnocchi, Cannelloni and Pizza Pie,  
My Nonna's Lasagna – you have to try.  
In the heart of the Europe,  
Sweet like the freshest fruit,  
Italy sits with the shape of the boot.  
Famous for olives, grapes and cheese,  
Beautiful sunset and Adriatic breeze.  
Proud of music, that is always good,  
Bragging about its arts and its food.  
To try Tiramisu and famous Ice Cream,  
To visit this country – it's everyone's dream.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Pizza Pizza – by Raquel Cortez, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9

Pizza, Pizza tastes really neat,  
I like it with lots of juicy meat.  
Pizza, Pizza I love to eat,  
Especially with lots of juicy beef.  
Pizza is so good,  
We eat it in our neighborhood.  
Buono's pizza is so terrific,  
We even eat it in the Pacific.  
Pizza, Pizza is so cool,  
We even eat it in the school.  
Pizza, Pizza, I like with pepperoni,  
Please don't put on macaroni.  
Pizza, Pizza is so great,  
We even eat it in a different state.  
Pizza is so good we even like to like our fingers,  
Pizza, Pizza is the best.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

The Buono's Pizza – by Selena Jiang, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10

Buono's pizza is so good  
That we always go to your neighborhood  
I dream about the pizza day and night  
The scrumptious pizza is always so right  
The pizza is filled with delicious toppings  
That I cannot stop hopping  
People love it as much as I do  
It's always the best place to go to  
My friend and I love it there  
Just come in and stay here  
The money you spend is worth a try  
If you don't try Buono's you might cry  
It will be the best that you ever taste  
I'm sure that I will never let it waste  
And the pizza is so yummy  
It will have to go into my tummy!

## Los Cerritos Elementary

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mikhail Golden, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Ms. Johnson's class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Emily Henderson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Ms. Barackman's class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jacob Blekin, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Ms. Barackman's class

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Philip Arabome, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Ms. Barackman's class

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Genova De La Paz, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Ms. Barackman's class

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Italy

-Mikhail Golden

I wake up to Italy,  
oh yes, oh yes!  
There is so much to do I thought after I got dressed.  
In the morning I'm at the Leaning Tower of Pisa, what a sight.  
At noon, I snack on mouth-watering pizzas!  
When one o'clock hits the spot,  
I go straight to the Venice dock,  
where serenaders sing lullabies away,  
when late even comes to time,  
I go to Florence and dine and dance to accordions and mandolins,  
at night I pretend I'm watching a fight,  
in the roman coliseum back then.  
After that at 9, I gaze into the hotel's window  
at the lovely sight of Italy.  
And then to bed I think about this grand place  
wanting to spend another day in Italy!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Celebrate Italy!

-Emily Henderson

Italy is special.  
Italy is great.  
That is why people around there,  
love to celebrate.

Especially in the city.  
The wonderful city of Rome.  
The place where so many people,  
call it their home.

The Coliseum is a very old place,  
a beautiful place to be.  
They even had a chariot race,  
oh, how I just would love to see!

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### The Roman Man's Home

-Jacob Belkin

There's a man who lives in Italy,  
who loved his country will all its beauty  
He lived in Rome  
his beloved home  
Where he ran, sang, and played giddily  
He lived in his city of Rome  
Where he would go to gladiator's dome  
With their mind thinking red, white, and green  
As they see their Italian seen,  
in his beloved Italian Roman home.

## Mary Star of the Sea Elementary

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Finina Cabanban, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Father Patrick's class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Riley Seidman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Miss Pittman's class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jessalie Buntan, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Father Patrick's class

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Jason Djapri, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Father Patrick's class

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Mindy Marasigan, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. TiTucci's class

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

The Leaning Tower of Pisa – by Finina Cabanban, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11

Leaning Tower of Pisa,  
you're such a sight to see.  
You lean to the left,  
you lean to the right.  
My, in the sun, you shine so bright.  
People come from near and far,  
to see you a very tall star.  
Don't lean too much or you might fall.  
If you do, you'll topple all.  
You are a true work of art.  
That I should of known from the start.  
I promise, near you,  
I'll be careful as can be.  
Just please, oh PLEASE,  
don't fall on me!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

The Wonders of Italy – by Riley Seidman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10

Oh the Mona Lisa,  
The Leaning Tower of Pisa,  
The Pope from Rome,  
I don't want to go home.  
Yes, the coliseum.  
I really love the art museum.  
Yum gelato.  
It's like a flavor tornado.  
The yummy Parmesan cheese.  
Can I have some on my pizza please?  
Yes the pasta on the side.  
If you want some do not hide  
The romantic boat ride and sunset blue and pink.  
Italy is wonderful, don't you think?

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Viva Italy – by Jessalie Buntan, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10

As I relax under the Tuscan sun  
Resting from my drive in my Ferrari  
Dining on ravioli in Capri  
Racing to Rome in my Maserati  
Attending a carnival in Venice  
Eating grapes at the Grape Harvest in Manrino  
Reading Romeo & Juliet in Verona  
Eating mozzarella cheese in Naples  
Seeing the coliseum ruins  
Wondering what life was like in  
the rest of the world  
Loving Italy. Celebra6te Italy. Viva Italy.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Street School

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sabriana Rubalcavo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mrs. Merrihew's class

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alexander Gonzalez, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. Gross' class

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Daniel Puig, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, Ms. Wang's class

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Victoria Martinez-Reyes, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mrs. Hermosillo's class

5<sup>th</sup> Place tie: Allison McDaniel, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mrs. Merrihew's class

5<sup>th</sup> Place tie: Kevin LaGrande, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. Hermosillo's class (about Buono's)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Matrimonio

- Sabriana Rubalcavo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10

At an Italian wedding  
they'll serve you mostaccioli  
but if you ask me  
I'd rather eat cannelloni  
For party favors or bombaneri  
They give espresso spoons  
We'll dance, sing and spin around  
To the old Italian tunes.  
At the wedding or matrimonio  
The husband kisses the wife  
They eat and talk to all their friends  
and have a happy life.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Beautiful Italy

Alexander Gonzalez, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9

Italy is a wonderful and,  
it has dreamy beaches, white soft sand.  
On the map, Italy is shaped like a boot,  
whenever I set it, makes me root.  
Hooray, for Italy and its history  
they also make the best food and  
that's no mystery.  
Pizza is my favorite food,  
when I eat it I'm in a good mood!  
I'm going to Italy to the Trevi fountain,  
I wished that I could climb a mountain.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Italian Pizza

- Daniel Puig

Italian pizza  
I love a bunch  
I'd like to eat it  
Every day for lunch  
Pizza, Pizza  
It's the best  
I like it better  
Than all the rest!

## South Shores Magnet

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Karli Dreizler, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Ms. Dye's room

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Victor Villalobos, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Ms. Dye's room

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: William Nodvik, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Ms. Dye's room

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Rio Moore, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Ms. Sinatra's room

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Kiavanne Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Ms. Dye's room

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Celebrate Italia

-Karli Dreizler

T'was on my trip to Italy  
A country shaped like a boot,  
where I ate like crazy  
fish, salad and fruit.

There were so many people  
and churches abound  
red brick roofs and steeples  
I couldn't stop looking around.

Mt. Etna – an active volcano  
“David” – a sculpture so big  
Rome – the capital city  
Pompeii – an archeological dig.

Italy is just so amazing  
I close my eyes and ears  
Imagining that special trip  
I'm going on next year.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Italy

-Victor Villalobos

Italy is like a boot  
The guards wear colorful suits  
Italy extends into the sea  
They drink a lot of coffee  
Mt. Etna is the active volcano around  
You can't wear shorts at the churches  
They aren't allowed.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Italia

-William Nodvik

Italia has pizza, pasta, and wine.  
All of their food is just so fine.  
I'll visit the little beachside café  
to eat my fill the Italian way.  
Beginning with salads, calamari, and soup.  
On to the fish and pasta made on the boot.  
Have an enjoyable, leisure time to eat.  
Going to Italy would be “Bon Appetite!”

## St. Lucy School

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Oliver Guevarra, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Lorgé's room

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kayla Peji, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mr. Lorgé's room

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Tatiana Rodriguez, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 11, Mr. Lorgé's room

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Graciela Ignacio, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. Gonzalez's room

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Freddy Marquez, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. Gonzalez's room

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Their Homeland, Our Paradise -Oliver Guevarra

A paradise I call Italy,  
Is homeland to Amerigo Vespucci.  
Other Italians I can plea,  
Are Michelangelo and Da Vinci.  
Leonardo Da Vinci painted the Mona Lisa,  
And architects build the Leaning Tower of Pisa.  
Back here we have singers like Madonna and Frank Sinatra,  
But there, operas are performed at La Scala.  
Also we have museums,  
But they have coliseums.  
After writing this statement,  
I bet I'll need some excitement.  
So I'll visit some paradise I have not to miss.  
Such as Rome, Naples, Milan, and Venice.  
Finally, Once I'm in this place I cal paradise,  
I will sit on a gondola and feast on the sunrise.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Green, White, And Red -Kayla Peji

Italy – to go three it would be a dram,  
Paradise on quire, sandy beach it would seem.  
But there is more to this place than noodle and cheese, Like from the artists to poets or from the lands to seas.  
Italian art to architecture started in the 1<sup>st</sup> century.  
Some great artists were Raphael and Leonardo de Vinci.  
Alberto Moravia, he was a leading novelist of his time.  
Dante Alighien wrote great poems that made her shine.  
Western music was important and hymns were what the Bishop of Milan taught.  
Between 1492 and 1559, Habsburg rulers and the holy Roman Empire fought.  
So before you brush your teach, fall asleep, and go to bed,  
Think about Italy – its history and culture, its symbols – green, white, and red.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Let's Party In Italy! -Tatiana Rodriguez

The wonderful Bay of Naples is an excellent place to party  
in Medieval castles from the 1300's.  
We'll dress as princesses and knights  
with pretty crowns and shiny swords,  
with prancing horses for the kinds and lords.  
Or party in Rome.  
At the Piazza Navona  
We may even see the famous, Madonna.  
Or stay for the beautiful Fountain of Neptune.  
With fancy sculptures of flowing clear waters,  
that will remind you or dancing free otters.  
We'll even party in Milan  
sipping cappuccino's and frappuccino's  
while glancing at the paintings of Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo.  
We'll both have fun just you and me, while partying in the famous country of Italy!  
Grazie and Arrivederci!!!! (Thank you and good bye!!!)

## White Point School

First Place: Mo Johnson, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Age 10, Mrs. Washington's room

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Madi Dixon, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, Mrs. Harisson's room

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Hannah Cross, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 9, Ms. Prouty's room

4<sup>th</sup> Place: Nicole Cvitanovich, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Mrs. Morita's room

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Marissa Lawrence, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Age 8, Mrs. Harrison's room

### 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Hey Mombo

-Mo Johnson

Hey mombo!  
Stringy cheesy sauce  
with white flour dough  
preferred by Michelangelo  
he hailed Marco Polo  
to say "let's be Italian!"  
Hey mombo!  
Palermo, Salarno  
Hey mombo!  
Pesaro, Sarreno  
Say say hey Juliet  
come mombo in Verona  
with Romeo!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

A Poem About Italy

-Madi Dixon

In a country called Italy  
There is a place called Vatican City  
The spaghetti there is yummy  
But the lasagna there is crummy  
It would be fun to see  
The ocean near it called the Atlantic Sea  
On the watery streets  
People float on their boats  
I wouldn't take a care  
To learn the language there  
The dressing they make  
Goes on my salad  
But unfortunately  
this is the end of my ballad.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Pizza

-Hannah Cross

Pizza is the best  
it's good to eat.  
I can eat it all day  
I can eat it all week.  
With onions olives and with cheese  
I can with mushrooms, ice cream, and peas.  
I can eat in the morning  
I can eat it at noon  
I can all night  
until I'm as fat as a balloon.