

2006 Buono's School Poetry Contest
First Place Poems

BIRNEY ELEMENTARY

Kenton McDonald

Galileo

Galileo is the best
He is a better astronomer than the rest
When he looks in the sky
He saw a fly

After his is done, he cleans his room really neat
He cooked a sheep and started to eat
He said that's the best meat I would ever eat.

So he went to sleep
In his house in Italy
He woke up and saw a shooting star
Fly over his car

This is my poem about
The best astronomer than the rest.

BURNETT

Ry' Shell Lathom

Italy

Oh Italy, Italy, you have such good treats
Your famous parmesan, gorgonzola, and mozzarella cheese.

You created the radio, how could that be?
Should I say Guglielmo Marconi?

Valentine's Day started in Italy,
Are you happy for sweet Italy?

Italy has one of the oddest animals in the world called the Olm
I bet you'll find them in Rome.

Oh Italy, Italy, I love you so,
But now I think I need to go home.

CABRILLO

Brenda Alvarado

Numbers

She is known to be a great woman scholar.
When she used numbers
She didn't scream or holler.
A woman writer of the first mathematics book
Caused all men
To stand up and take a look.

Maria Gaetma Agnes was the best ever.
To teach at a University
Because she was quite clever!

CESAR CHAVEZ

Alisa Chavez

Mr. Volta

When Volta invented the battery in 1827
He invented something almost like Heaven.
Years ahead of the technology
To him we owe an apology
His thoughts so advanced
Italy ahead of France
Italy what an amazing place
Their technology so head of the race.
Thanks to great Italian inventors
We should look at them like our mentors.

GARFIELD

Lianne Chan

Italy

Italy is famous for their pizza and their cheese,
They are famous for a lot of things so listen if you please.
It's famous for the Leaning Tower of Pisa,
And for the painting called The Mona Lisa,
And they're famous painter named Michelangelo,
Also for the man Marco Pollo.
They also have a coliseum,
They are very huge once you see them,
There are too many things to tell, that's the case
All I have to say is it's a very nice place.

HOLY INNOCENTS

Janalee Tabayoyong

Inventaly Beyond Italy

Leonardo da Vinci is an Italian Inventor
With a brilliant mind of a great creator
A scientist of Italian history
An artist of great mystery

Leonardo had an amazing attitude
He spoke with great gratitude
He did not like wars
But he did like the stars
Through the past years he was gone
His work has been passed on
“A Piece of Work is Like a Child If You Treat it with no Respect it will go Wild”
He wasn't like that mean old grinchy
No, he was the great Leonardo da Vinci!

JACKIE ROBINSON (Also...KIDS' CHOICE AWARD – 1st place – B&G Club)
Denise Ball

Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus is Italian they say,
But many other people said, “Hey no way.”
He knew the world was round,
But the others said, “The world was flat right off the ground.”

Christopher was very curious,
But he was also very serious.
He was bound to be mysterious.
He's also bound to be furious.

Queen Isabella gave him her gold jewels and crown.
He bought food around the town.
With the gold jewels and crown he got sailors and ships,
So with all that he got he was ready and prepared to go on his trip.

Soon they saw shallow water.
And that meant there was land.
Now his trip is done,
Christopher found us and then we won.

LAFAYETTE
Florentino Milian

Christopher Columbus

C-aptain of the Nina, Santa Maria, and Pointa
H-e was a great sailor and moved to Spain.
R-emembered and honored by people even to this day.
I-talian explorer who realized the World was round.
S-on of a wool business person and weaver.
T-he Bahamas Islands where he landed.
O-ctober is the month we celebrate Columbus Day!
P-alos, Spain was where he left for his first journey.
H-ero of Spain when he returned from his long journey.
E-xplorer.
R-esppected and researched by others.

LELAND STREET SCHOOL

Magdalena Sebez

Leonardo Da Vinci

A brilliant man
Who saw the world differently
Painting starry nights
With illuminating rushstrokes
Bringing a snapshot in time
To eternity

Though he has long passed memories or fingerprints
Impressing on the wide world to see for eternity

MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Riley Seidman

Please Don't Land On Me

When I see the mystical tower standing slanted yet tall,
I wonder when it shall fall.
The great tower that has slanted for many a year,
Hides from the skies so beautiful and clear.
I feel fearful as I walk through the door,
Will the tower fall? Will it be no more?
As I dreamily stare at the sky and breathe the fresh air,
A little tourist boy gives the tower such a fearful stare.
I heard the boy say, "You are beautiful I can see,
But Oh beautiful tower, when you fall, please don't land on me!"

**7TH STREET SCHOOL (2nd Place Kids' Choice Award – Judged by: B&G Club)
Quincee White (and 2nd Place – Poet's Choice Award – Judge Gerald Locklin)**

Guess Who and Who Knew?

He was born in a small town in Italy, in 1452.
As a small boy he did not want a toy, just a pad and a pencil would do.
As he drew and he drew and he drew.
The birds and the bees, flowers and trees, until all of nature, who knew?
Then he grew and he grew and he grew.
So many things to do.
A giant cross bow, armored car, to tow and mathematician too.
Then he drew and he drew and drew.
The Madonna, Last Super, Mona too.
He drew them so bright and backgrounds just right and people with movement, who knew?
Be careful for what you may do, Mona's eyes follow you.
And yet you still weren't through.
Leonardo Da Vinci, who knew?

SOUTH SHORES

Ka'lani Galinato

Christopher Columbus Sailed Across the Sea

In fourteen hundred ninety-two
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

He had three ships and left from Spain.
He sailed through sunshine, wind and rain.

He sailed by night, he sailed by day.
He used the stars to find his way.

Ninety sailors were on board.
Some men worked while others snored.

Then the workers went to sleep,
And others watched the ocean deep.

Day after day they looked for land.
They dreamed of trees and rocks and sand.

October 12 their Dream came true.
You never saw a happier crew.

“Indians, Indians” Columbus cried.
His heart was filled with joyful pride.

But “India” the land was not.
It was the Bahamas, and it was hot.

The Arakaw natives were very nice.
They gave the sailors food and spice.

Columbus sailed on to find some gold,
To bring back home, as he'd been told.

He made the trip again and again,
Trading gold to bring to Spain.

The first American? No, not quite.
But Columbus was brave, and he was bright.

ST. LUCY

Johanna Dungea

Modern Piano

If Cristofori is your intention,
I'll tell you his great invention.
A piano I say,
Is what we use today,
And now I bet you're in tension.

WHITE POINT (1st Place – Poet’s Choice Award – Judge Gerald Locklin)
Sydney Beres

The Aroma of Italy (in Germany)

Paul Feminis was searching for relief for his nose;
Because the aroma of sauerkraut was too much to expose
To an Italian in Germany who was searching for a scent to please;
One that would attract – like honey and bees.
So he found some ingredients to mix in a pot;
Like lemons, lavender, and Italian Bergamot.
He said, “I’ve got an exquisite formula here – it is called Cologne
If you don’t wear it, you’ll be all alone!”