

Weiser School District Write on Weiser! Fall 2009

The Weiser School District held its third annual WOW!, or Write on Weiser, event. Students in grades K-12 wrote to a specific prompt November 2nd & 3rd. Grade level teachers, Language Arts teachers, English teachers, and others worked together to read and to grade the essays last month. All grades had their essays scored this fall. Next spring all students will again write on common days, and the remaining grades will have their essays scored. Please enjoy the two top essays from each of these grades according to the 6+1 Traits of Writing model. The essays were typed exactly as is, including mechanical errors.

Pioneer School

Kindergarten Prompt: "Draw a self-portrait and things you like. Label your picture."

Kindergarten papers were scored for ideas only. Outstanding papers include the following characteristics:

1. Ideas are evident through pictures and writing.
2. Writing and drawings support the topic.
3. Work is done neatly.
4. Three or more details with labels are present.



Farrah Hall (Kindergarten)
(I like my family.)



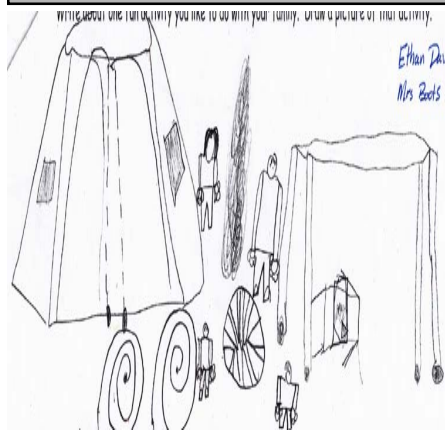
Jaiden Gomez (Kindergarten)
(I like reading.)



First Grade Prompt: "Write about one fun activity you like to do with your family. Draw a picture of that activity." Papers were scored for ideas only. Outstanding papers include the following characteristics:

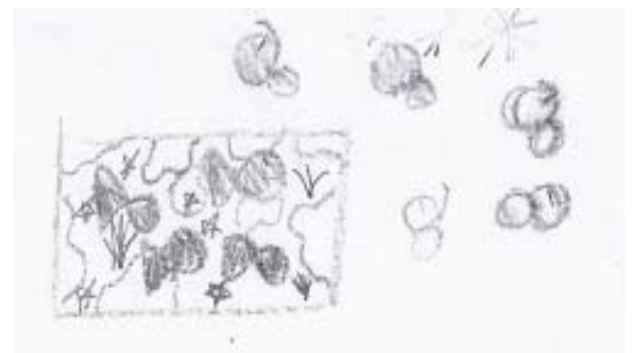
1. A main idea that is well-developed.
2. Content that is clear and focused throughout.
3. There is the right number of appropriate details.

The characteristics may be evident within the illustration.



Ethan Davis (1st grade)

I like to go camping with my famaly out in the mountin's. We broght a tent sum sleeping bags. A matres. We broght Doritos. We tel storys about spooky stuff. We made smors out of marshmelos.



Corina Burr (1st grade)



Me and my dad and my mom and my brother belt a puzl It was a feseh puzl It toc us 3 das to mace It was finle fineseht It was a merlcil (miracle) it was fishe I love puzls.

Second Grade Prompt: "Think about your favorite place to go. Tell about one of your visits to that place, and why you liked it so much." Papers were graded for ideas only.

1. A main idea that is clear and supported by several interesting details.
2. Papers included details about the writer's feelings.

Roaring Springs

Gage Pero (2nd grade)



My favorite place to go is Roaring Springs. At Roaring springs I felt so happy my hed mite fall off. I also went on the Avlanch!! The water feels grat in the hot hot warm sun. I got so wet and soked. It smeld good like clorine and water from the city pool. My second favrote ride was ware I almost thot my legs wud fall off. It was this ride ware I had a life jacet and 2 flotey toobs. I almost droun but it was fun ay way thoe. I herd pepol jumping into water. The slids war black, yellow, sum war red, on top of sum slides the war ruberbans all over and they war colord ruberbans. My mom and dad and my sisters and cousis came. I went wen it was summer. It was the best day of my life.

The Beach

Addi Gomez (2nd grade)



My favorite place to go is the Beach because you can find seashells on the shore and see dolphins if you wake up early and we can build sand castles but sometimes Breanna breaks them. But my favorite thing to do is run in the waves because you find lots of seashells. We see lots of sea birds that are white and black you can find them right under palm trees and we run all over the sand up hills and down hills. One time we found a big seashell and we see squirrels run all over the sand that eat all of the food but not anymore because we chase them.

Third Grade Prompt: "Fall is a fun time of year. School has started and harvest has begun. The leaves are changing color and falling from the trees. The days are getting shorter and cooler. Write about your favorite fall activity." Papers were scored for ideas only.

Outstanding papers include the following characteristics:

1. A main idea that is clear and coherent.
2. The text is a well-developed paragraph(s).
3. Elaboration through interesting details creates meaning for the reader.
4. The writer shows understanding of the topic through personal experience or research.

Thanksgiving

Abbey Shirts (3rd grade)



What a Thanksgiving we have at our Grandma's! We have a feast but we just don't eat it right off the bat. We have to wait a little while till we get to eat because the isn't ready yet. So while we are waiting we watch the Macy's parade on tv. The people in the parade look really cool. My favorite part of the parade is the people on the floats because their can be really cool things on them like when

people dance and sing! When the feast is ready, we go get our food and we dig in and eat it is really yummy. After we are done eating we are stuffed. When we are done we watch the dog show but if that gets boring we go on our grandmas computer. If my sister gets their first I watch for a little while but my grandma asks if anyone wants pie with homemade whip cream I go get some of that delicious pumpkin pie. Once we are done eating the pie it is almost time to go but I don't want to go because it is so much fun on Thanksgiving at my Grandmas house.

Corn mazes

Sara Lundberg (3rd grade)



I hope I don't get lost! I hope I don't get lost because I'm going to the cornmaze tonight! Isn't that exciting! I think it is. I can't wait until we get there. We're here. Everybody out. When my parents were paying my brother, sister and me went to the miny mazes. The miny mazes are a miny hay maze that you can only turn right and the other miny maze is a miny tire maze. Us kids did both of them. Now its time for the huge confusing cornmaze. Us kids ran to the hay bairle and climbed on it and the tractor took our family to the cornmaze. We chose number 2 first because sence it is pretty easy. So in we went. Afrade we were going to get lost. But we were lucky onuf not to get lost. All the rilly tall corn stocks scared me because we couldn't see over them. How scary can that get? Rilly scary to my opinyon, just so you know. Then we found our way back. And we chose number 3 next. How about that? Yep, so we went in and gess what?? We got lost...until we met this gey and new the way out because he maed the cornmaze! How cool is that? pretty cool. He helped us find our way out! Nice gey, I think. It didn't take long for us to get out of that cornmaze. We got 1 more maze to do and that's number 1. We went in and out. That was the easiest cornmaze I've ever don!! Then the gey told us that we got here on the last night. And there is going to be fire works!! Yay! We started a little fire. Then the fire works began. The vein was so fluttering in my eyes! once the fire works were over, to my sprise there was a

ginormas fire blaze in the night sky and it made me jump. Next the poilece came because they kidn't know what hapened. I gighed like a girl. The oner of the cornmaze had to talk with the poilece. They told them what had hapend. The poilece left and we went home. I'm so glad I didn't get lost in that cornmaze.

Park School

"Write a personal narrative for your teacher about a time that you went to a new place." Essays were graded equally for each of the 6 traits.

The Oregon Coast

Hannah Walker (4th grade)



Last summer I visited a wonderful new place that I had never been to before. That special place was the Oregon Coast. We went there for a new family trip. I couldn't wait to get there! The drive was long to the coast so we split up the hours. We drove 4 hours then slept in a trailer at an RV park and drove the rest of the 4 hours to the Coast.

When we got to the ocean we were jumping for joy like we had just gone on the craziest roller coaster in the world! The second our parents said we could go play in the humungeos ocean we raced to the freezing water and splashed in. We quickly picked up bits of broken shells before the waves swallowed them away. We easily got cold. We rushed to the sand. It squeaked noisely and had the terrible sound that is like sharp nails scraping down a chalkboard. Me and my older sister Jordanne started making a sand boat that had enough seats for our whole family to sit in! Some of my other siblings pitched in and helped us make it. My parents were lolling in the sun chairs under the huge, red and white umbrella. Playing at the coast was so enjoying!

The hardest part of the trip was leaving. We just had to much fun at the coast. I couldn't leave. Well I guess I did or I would still be at the Oregon Coast wading in the water and gathering seashells. I learned so many good things at the Oregon Coast. One thing I learned was that your hair curls because of the misty air from the ocean! The Oregon Coast was a new place that I loved enjoying with my family.

The Redwoods

Ariana Chapman (4th grade)



Were here! mom said as I awoke from my slumber. My eyes fluttered open like butterflies only to see the amazing outlines of a cozy looking cabin and many large redwood trees. I was in the redwoods! I slowly got out of the car to explore this new wonderland. I went into the cabin to only see beds, mattresses, and one heater. I remember thinking how fun this was going to be and it was! First I climbed a huge stump. Then I went to the rec-hall to play a small trifle of pinball. As I was jogging back to my mother and father it got dark. I looked up and there was a cabana of trees above me. Later that night I had nachos for dinner and then we rosted s'mores. We stayed up very late before we went to bed. When I awoke in the morning we had to go home. I loved it there and I was sad to go but we had to. I had a wonderful time at that new place to visit!

Nauvoo

Olivia Johnson (5th grade)



"Hey kids!" my dad Brian yelled. "What?" Mckenzie, Zach, Ben, and I all replied. "Grammy and Grandpa has invited us to come visit them in Nauvoo, Illinois." I started jumping up and down squealing with excitement and joy. My Grandma and Grandpa's names are Kimber and Diane Johnson. They have been gone for 2 and a half years on a church mission. I ran to pack my suitcase. It was August 20, 2007. "Hurry we're going to miss the

plane!" my mom Shelley, exclaimed. She was exaggerating because we were half-way through the airport and we had 10 minutes before the plane took off. My mom is really weird like that. What I say is true it is not an opinion it is a fact! It took 2 3-hour plane rides and 8 hours of driving just to reach our destination. Our first stop was in Denver, Colorado. The second stop was in Missouri. Then we had to rent a gross, sticky from candy, blue, toyota sienna van. But the smell was even worse! It smelled like rotten eggs and barf. I guess I fell asleep because after what seemed like nothing, the sound of giant chirping insects was filling the air. We were finally there. While we were in Nauvoo, we saw really big horses, leaned how to make a ring out of a horseshoe nail, saw lightning hit a tree and surround the Nauvoo temple (which looked really cool!), rode in wagons, saw lots of artwork, went to see this place where a latter day prophet called Joseph Smith got shot out of a window and died (the place was called carthridge jail), and saw a play that my grandma and grandpa were in. It was really funny. But then it was time to go. I felt sad saying goodbye but happy too. I felt happy because they would come back home in only a few months.

The Old Log Cabin

Ben Wootton (5th grade)



The sound of gravel under the tires rings in my ears as we drive up the long shaded road. As I open the car door the smell of pine trees fills the air. When I step out of the car I see the log cabin aged with years and memories. The old boards creak as I walk up the porch. My Mom pulls out a dull silver key to unlock the oak door. She slides the key into the old rusted lock. The door slowly opens with a creak as we wander in. The scent of a used fireplace fills my nose. The coals lay lazily in the bottom of the pit looking abandoned. When we walk in the soft sound of our footsteps travles throughout the cabin. The first thing we do is travle up the shag carpet stairs to explore. Every room we enter makes me feel excited knowing I am going to be able to have

our friends and family over to play games, and enjoy eachothers company. In the kitchen the aged oven still holds the past aromas of choclate chip cookies, and pies that would make my mouth water. In the evening we sadly have to say goodbye to the wonderous cabin. But I was not to sad to leave because I knew we would make new memories in that old log cabin.

Middle School

Middle School prompt: If you could anywhere in the world, where would you go and why? Papers were graded on all six traits.

The Mystrious Land of Egypt

Afton Winegar (6th grade)



Egypt. The land of mystry of the great sphinx and the legand of King Tut. Pyramids, tombs, mummies, a place where cats were considered sacred. It is a land of mystry. The place I have longed to go.

I long to go to Egypt for all of these reasons but espeshaly for mummies. Mummies are bodies wrapped in rotting cloth bandages. They are laid to rest in tombs. Kings and Queens were wrapped in fine linnen then laid to rest in mighty tombs with priceless possessions in the pyramids.

Eventully these tradisions died out theives robbed the tombs leaving only the mummified bodies, few survived thes robberies. Scientists that study these bodies find that they were buried with possessions that would help them in the next life. Food, pots, pans, clothing, jewelry, fine spices and other things have been found in tombs that have not been disturbed with robberies.

In my opinion it would be amazing to enter an anctaint tomb and see a mummy laid carfully in its tomb with rotting flesh and bandages. Sphinx were set outside pyramids to gaurd the bodies within the tombs. Imagane walking down in to a dark damp and musty pyramid!

I would absolutely love to go to this land of secrets and mysteries! Think of hot sand that would burn your skin if you touched it, or the mighty symbols and unidentified mummies! I hope to one day visit this amazing land!

Breathtaking Hazard Lakes

Billy Brooke (6th grade)



In the spring is a beautiful time of year, but in Hazard Lakes it is more than beautiful it is breathtaking. I love going to Hazard Lakes. It is a great place to be. In fact it is one of my favorite places. I love the mountains.

I love Hazard Lakes in the spring because it has wonderful smells. The scent of lovely wild flowers mixes with the smell of pines. High in the mountains cool water gurgles along a stream as it flows into the deep blue lake. The smell of spruce drifts lazily past your nostrils. As you suck in the air you can almost taste the beauty of this valley. The berry bushes sway gently in the breeze while the long grass hides field mice and squirrels.

The squirrels scamper around the hills as they play and run on the rich green grass. A doe slowly creeps up the hillside as she enjoys the beauty and majesty of this valley. As a hawk circles overhead you can see the little squirrels scramble into the wide varieties of trees. The snakes silently slither through the grass looking for unsuspecting mice. An occasional bear lumbers out of its den and eats tasty berries off a bush.

Hazard Lakes is a peaceful place. Nothing to bother you in this quiet lush green valley. The wind sways the grass gently like a mother rocking a baby in a cradle. As you lie on the grass all is silent except for the chirping of birds. This beauty encases you in a love for the wilderness. You can play, read, or just enjoy this little valley.

This is why I love Hazard Lakes. Its peacefulness, beauty, wonderful sounds, animals, and smells mix together wonderfully. All that is why I like Hazard Lakes. I would like to go to Hazard Lakes again. I like going to Hazard Lakes.

Hawaiian Vacation

Madison Dillie (7th grade)



Everyone has a place they would love to take a vacation to. A lot of those places are probably the spot I would like to visit, Hawaii!

I can already picture what it would look like. I would step off the air-plane and feel a slight breeze, then I would look around and see all the people wearing shorts and flip-flops, and sitting under the palm trees drinking creamy coconut milk, and eating juicy yellow pineapples. Then my grandma would greet me with a huge hug, and we would go to all the fun places we could think of!

First, we would obviously have to go to the beach, who doesn't go there when they are in Hawaii? I don't know how they could resist, with all of the crystal blue water to play in, and trees to sit under on the hot sparkling sand and drink fruit juice. Next, we would go to all the shops we could to buy tons of clothes, like hats covered in palm leaves, coconuts, and pineapples, and shoes that have flowers plastered everywhere. Last, we would go to the Polynesian Cultural Center. My grandma and I would learn to do the hula, and make real flower leis. When I got home, I wouldn't have to shower for a week because of all the flowers.

Sadly, all vacations must come to an end, so my grandma would take me to the air-port after my week of fun, and we would hug each other a ton. Then, I would climb on the plane, go home, and not have to shower for a week!

A Narnian Getaway

Sadie Shirts (7th grade)



They say time stands still whilst in Narnia, a magical place that boggles the mind while still staying real enough to touch. I know that it might not exist, but Narnia is still a place, whether the country lives in your mind, or in a wardrobe, or out in the normal, everyday world is completely by chance.

I'd love to visit the fantastical world of Narnia, a place written about in the writings of C.S. Lewis. It seems like Narnia would be the perfect vacation destination for anyone wishing to escape the hustle and bustle of the everyday modern world. Accessed through a wardrobe found in England, Narnia is a lively place full of talking beasts and strange beings.

I have heard, from a very reliable source, that the first thing you see when entering Narnia is an iron lamp post that has grown into the ground at the edge of the country. A little farther away is the cave of Mr. Tumnus, the fawn, a half-man, half-goat. Narnia is also home to a picturesque green forest where, so they say, the trees dance and talk to you. But, the one thing I'd want to see most if I visited Narnia would be Stone Table. The Stone Table is one of the most powerful symbols of Narnia; made of stone and cracked right down the middle, it was the scene of great sacrifice and where good and evil collided and fought till good prevailed.

Not only have I heard about the scenery, but also the people and animals. All of the animals talk, and creatures like Centaurs and unicorns actually exist. These would be only a few of the strange beings I would see visiting Narnia. Creatures like merpeople and dwarves would, I think, be a major tourist attraction. Vacationing there would be a blast.

Seeing the sights and watching the strange animals that I have never heard of before would be my idea of the perfect place to go, and that's exactly what Narnia has to offer. Narnia may be a place of fairytale and legend, but given a chance to go anywhere, I'd choose Narnia. A

The Snake River Gorge

Nathaniel Rogers (8th grade)



Fearless base jumpers leap from these nail biting heights. The long emerald green river flows through a huge gorge. This is the Snake River Gorge. The Snake River Gorge was an amazing place. I would love to go back to the Snake River Gorge. This Gorge is majestic, scary, and breathtaking, all at the same time.

Last summer my family and I took a trip to the majestic Snake River Gorge. The trip was long but it was well worth it. The Snake River Gorge is a canyon. Not as big as the Grand Canyon but still big. The Snake River winds threw it for about 10 miles. When the sun sets every thing is covered in shining crystals of light that reflect of the beautiful river. This one reason why I would like to return.

Of all the gorges beautiful attributes there is one that cannot be forgotten. Sheer cliffs surround the beautiful river, creating a sense of vertigo to all who dare to peek down at the river. These cliffs are over 200 feet tall. Not only are the cliffs frightening, but the solid steel arch bridge spanning the gap is even more terrifying. As you walk over and under the cold steel of the bridge, you can feel the bridge rock and vibrate as cars and winds attack it. There are many reasons to fear the gorge, but there are more reasons to enjoy it.

Walking over the massive bridge is breathtaking. Many have jumped off it feeling the wind slice through their finger tips. Enjoying the rush of nothing beneath you. Breathtaking is not really enough to explain the total awe I receive when I step down the stairs that lead to the lookout point that views the bridge and highest points of the canyon. Breathtaking, though, is the right word for me, because it literally forces the air out of my lungs.

Going back to the Snake River Gorge is what I want to do. Traveling to the Snake River Gorge gives me a time to get close to family, and just enjoying the open road. Breathtaking, majestic, scary. All these things explain the feelings I get when I look to the horizon and think, I am going to return to the place I love, the Snake River Gorge.

San Diego

Ernesto Becerra (8th grade)



Adventure land is what I would call San Diego California. San Diego has so much to do like visit one of their awesome theme parks, visit their amazing zoo, or just simply relax on their warm relaxing beach. This is why I want to visit San Diego one day.

San Diego is full of amazing theme parks such as Six Flags or their outstanding Sea World. These theme parks have some of the best features in the world like Shamu - the intelligent killer whale, and The Russian Mountain - an amazing roller coaster. Some of the theme parks in San Diego get thousands of adventures tourists every year. I hope I can be one of these thousands of tourists to visit San Diego's theme parks one day. These theme parks make San Diego one of the best places to be in the entire world.

San Diego is one of my favorite places to go because of their enormous zoo. This zoo is home to thousands of different animals. The only way to describe the San Diego zoo is to say it is enormous. This zoo stretches over one thousand acres of land! The San Diego zoo also has some exotic animals you can't find anywhere else like the California Condor. Hilarious shows are shown everyday to large audiences. The San Diego zoo is something you don't want to miss when you go to San Diego.

The Sandy Beaches of San Diego is also an area I want to go to. The warm heat radiating off the smooth textured sand is something you don't want to miss. The sandy beaches of San Diego feature the best sound in the world. These sandy beaches allow you to listen to the salty ocean water hitting the warm sand. There is so much to do at the San Diego beach like play games such as Marco Polo. The sandy beach of San Diego is a perfect place to hear children laughing and cheering. The beaches of San Diego are truly unique and fun.

I hope I can go to San Diego one day so I can experience some of its awesome features. These features make San Diego one of my favorite places in the world.

High School

What would you do with a million dollars and how would your life change for having this much money? Essays were graded holistically on all six traits.

One Million Dollars

Kolcie Bates (9th grade)



Money, the high. The crave and greed of everybody. Gold, silver, cash, currency. No matter the name, money is money. Everyone is trying to get some in any way they can. If they just had a million dollars unexpectedly given to them, it would probably be a dream come true. If I had a million dollars, I would do amazing things with it. Things that would change my life and future. As well as the futures of others. I would do things like donate to animal cruelty shelters, homeless people, and use what's left to help support my family. Those are some of the biggest ideas I could think of if I had a million dollars.

My first goal for my money would be to help animal cruelty shelters across the nation. You may not realize it but thousands of animals are neglected or beaten everyday. With the result of death most of the time. Those few that survive, though, they get sent to shelters, and since the economy is the way that it is, they aren't able to afford the proper care that they need. Which results in the animal being euthanized. So I would donate to shelters all across America. I would do this knowing that I have saved the lives of hundreds of animals. And as for it changing my future, well I would know that I had done something remarkable!

Another place that I would donate to would be to homeless people and soup kitchens. All the money would definitely be used to help with food and shelter. Some people are homeless cause they brought it upon themselves. But the others, they didn't have a choice. Whenever I see a homeless person, I usually give them a few dollars. Because, even though it's only a small amount, that could mean a lot. So if I had more money I can't imagine all the difference it would make. If just one more meal, or a small amount of five dollars meant saving a life, well then they could have it all!

Finally, I would use some of it for myself and family. I would help pay off bills and get my parents out of debt. I would pay my sister's entire way through college, as well as save a fund for my college tuition. My family would be able to live a life of ease! Or at least it would be a little easier! For myself though, I would use some money to travel the world. I could visit the Seven Wonders of the World! I could go to Europe, Africa, or anywhere I wanted. Traveling abroad would change my future a ton because I would have all that knowledge with me.

So as you can tell a million dollars can go a long way. Money can be used for good, or some could be used for bad. I would be using it for all the good I could get out of it. With helping animals, homeless, and my family. Also while traveling abroad! If only this all could really happen, and not just be a dream. So if anyone out there gets a million dollars and doesn't know what to do with it, just call me. I've got a few good ideas!

A Million Dollars

Aimee Wootton (9th grade)



One million dollars comes with a vast amount of possibilities. It could supply a whole town with food for many years, or it could buy a mansion with all of the latest technology. The ways you choose to spend this large sum of money will change your life and way people see you. If I had a chance to spend one million dollars I would donate a large percentage to the community. I would use the remainder to pay for my education and pay off any of my family's debts.

The large percentage going to the community would be divided equally to the schools, people in need, and the sports facilities. Money towards the schools would proceed to buy new literature and computers. This will give the students a jump start in their education and hopefully make learning more fun. The portion of the million dollars for people in need will supply food and essential household items for anyone who lacks them. The last amount that is designated for the community will go to building a year-round swimming pool and fix up the high school sporting fields. There wouldn't be any money wasted.

The thing that is always in the back of my mind is how to pay for my education after high school. With a small portion of a million dollars I will never have to fret again. This money won't mean that I give up trying to get good grades or doing well in sports. It will just be a comfort blanket. In case something would happen where I couldn't achieve any scholarships, I would still be able to go to the college of my choice. Along with covering the costs necessary to obtain my education I want to pay for all of my family's debts. This would only be a small pay-back for all of the things they have given up for me.

The decisions I make in spending the million dollars will change everything. I will be able to show everyone how much I truly care for the community and the love of my family. This will no doubt help me become happy and successful.

In the rare chance that I would acquire a million dollars, I wouldn't waste it on silly nonessential items that won't make a lasting difference in my life. Instead I would give to the community and provide myself with an education along with paying off any outstanding debts of my family. I'm sure the temptations to purchase anything I could imagine would be lurking in my thoughts. When they appeared I would think of how I want to be seen by people, as a snobby rich person or as someone who cares for others. Ultimately I would realize I want people to see me as someone who cares and would choose to spend the money on impacting items.

A Million Dollars

Jayleen Beesley (12th grade)



"Aww... Hmmm... To have a million dollars!" Ha, that would be nice. Ring, ring... The phone begins to jingle. "Hello, "Good afternoon Ms. This is Jim Johnson from Good Morning America TV show, we would like to inform you that you just won a million dollars." "Now please let your fellow Americans share with you your excitement... Tell us, what will you do with it?" What... what will I do with it. I've never even thought of that question before. Hmmm, where do I begin? How would I even start? The first thing that pops into my mind... BLOW IT! But wait, think smarter, think harder... hmmm. Ah ha, I got it! The first thing I would do is buy the prettiest, biggest house that caught my eye. I would then cash in for my dream car. Lastly, I would save the remainder of my "BANK" to be able to live off of for possibly the rest of my life... I can see big changes on the horizon.

When I hear the words "a million dollars", the first thing that comes to mind is searching day and night for the most perfect house... the biggest, prettiest house that first catches my eye. To me, the perfect house would be one that has a wrap around porch so I could cuddle up close to that special someone and watch the sun rise in the east and set in the west. It would also have a beautiful balcony set outside two gorgeous French doors so I could peer out across the plains and see as far as the horizon. The house would be cream in color with burgandy shutters, a wooden, stained picket fence surrounded by multicolored flowers and a lush, dark green front yard as big as a football field. To the south of the house would be a two car garage painted cream to match the house and out back, a pasture full of paint horses... now that would be perfect.

Next on the list of things to buy... my dream car, a Lamborghini. Not any ol' Lamborghini... a shiny, newly waxed, black Lamborghini with dark black tinted windows. Silver rims that glistened in the sun and engine designed to race would top it off. Now for the interior... black leather seats, black vinyl and an outstanding system. Now that is one nice car.

Last but not least... my future. After buying the perfect house and cashing in on my dream car, I will be left with about \$500.00. I would put that money in a high interest bank account and increase the amount. I would then be able to live off of it for the rest of my life and not have to work another day as long as I live. Mr. Tall, dark and handsome and I would have anything and everything we've ever dreamed of. That's what you call living the life!

"Hello, Ms., are you there? Hello... what will you do with your cash?" What... and finally I hit reality... I

realize that it's all a dream. I sluggishly replace the phone on the hook, and think back on the million dollars. Suddenly a grin creeps across my face. Ah... now that's it... I see that big, beautiful house with a wrap around porch surrounded by a football field sized front yard. I peek around the corner and notice a black Lamborghini neatly placed in a two car garage. As I peer through the two French doors and step out on the balcony, I glance down and recognize my alluring paint horses prancing off into the horizon. I quietly think to myself... what a perfect, no more than perfect life.

One Million Dollars

Nataly Robledo (12th grade)



Through out my entire life my family has struggled with money. We weren't out buying the latest technology or newest fashion trends, instead my parents saved money to pay bills or put food on the table. To receive one million dollars would be a total blessing! I would do my part in supporting my family after all the years we struggled with money.

Father and Mother two of the hardest working people I know, work up to nine hours and have one to two days off a week. With one million dollars I'd send them to a vacation they deserved to get a long time ago. No need to worry about paying for airline or hotel bills, I would take care of that so they could enjoy beautiful Italy. A dream come true for them and myself, I always wanted to see them take off and live a moment of relaxation and peace.

My innocent siblings have not gotten the chance to go down to Disney World. To see my little sisters run with glowing smiles and hear the laughter when Mikey Mouse or Cinderella hugs them would mean the world to me. Rebeca and Bryan would get a chance to get away from the high school stress and just be children again.

My family will always come before me, I would spend a good part of that one million dollars on them first. Then I'd use the rest of that money for my college education. Right now that is a major issue we face, one million dollars would solve that easily! Seven years of college does not come cheap, it would save me from debt and give me a great start to my future. The future matters so much to me because that is when I want to be successful and be able to support my parents like they have been supporting me.

These past seventeen years have been a real challenge for my family, mainly for my parents. My siblings and I weren't given the best objects in life but we were given love. With one million dollars I would show my parents how appreciative I really am of them.