

1ST PLACE

“To Add Life” by Zoe Zimmerman, 5th Grade

A stream may whisper gentle on the outskirts of a forest,
Calling to the silent trees.
Singing to the leaves a gentle lullaby.
Nestled in the stream,
Listening to the song are fish.
Wondering what is life,
And if there is such a thing,
Why us?
Why us?
They dance around the streambed,
Becoming one with the pebbles who are scattered far and wide across the waters.
The fish dance for their lost brothers.
And the fish create a song of their own.
They sing their song across their world
And eventually even the sun stops to listen.
Who is soon joined by the moon
And the stars.
And still the fish sing,
Dancing in a flurry of motion under the stream's soft waters.
And this is what they sing:
“We may be small,
And insignificant to you,
But we add life.
We add it to the water,
Under the canopy's of leaves.
To the Winds,
Who bear hope,
And prosper on their wings.
To calling birds,
Who weave their tales of lore into the clouds.
To the summer skies
Under which anything could happen.
And to fully understand what life really is,
You must think small.
Every animal
Every soul
Of every size
Can add life to this fleeting existence,
If they believe
And try,
Not to fully understand why they are there.”

2ND PLACE

“Spirit Animals” by Jazmyn White, 5th Grade

Animals from far and near gather up to see
Their peers, once Midnight hits the sky their spirit
Animals will soon rise, once they sing their song the
Spirit will sing along, the morning sings at the ray of
Dawn and their spirit animals will soon be gone.

3RD PLACE

“Midnight Howl” by Norah Guillot, 5th Grade

In the night,
The moon reflects on the snow,
A starlight twinkle in his eye,
His silver fur glows in the night,
He runs against the cold wind blow,
His paws come to a stop,
He lifts his black nose in the air and lets out ...
A midnight howl

HONORABLE MENTION

“Animals Add Life To Me” by Leah Rockwell, 5th Grade

As I lay in bed looking out the window,
The colorful birds tweet and the fireflies glow.
I wish that my life had the color like in the animals I see
Because animals add life to me!

The day after that as I was driving to school,
I think of the wonderful animals I know that are cool.
I also think of the ones that are bright
Because animals add life to me in the dark and daylight!

While I was at school playing outside at recess,
I saw an eagle above me pass.
That got me thinking again.
About how animals add life to everything I do!

HONORABLE MENTION

“Cooled and Free” by Noah Davis, 4th Grade

I came home from school
with a sad look on my face.
I had a really bad day.
The bus was hot, suffocating.
I just needed to get home,
Where my cat Padme
Was taking a nap.
I came home
Where she was waiting for me.
I sat down without even taking
My heavy book bag off my back.
She jumped on my lap
Started kneading me
As she laid down.
I forgot all about
My day at school,
A smile on my face
Cooled and free.