



Sheldrake Environmental Center and The Garden Club of Larchmont

Invite you to participate in the

Poetry and Prose

Youth Contests

for

Kindergarten through 5th grade

POETRY “Nature and Me”

Suggestions: How do I feel in the woods, near the water or in the flower garden? What do I hear, feel, touch, smell or see in nature? What might surprise me in the woods, near the water or in the garden? How do we enjoy nature? What can I do to keep nature beautiful and safe?

Poems are divided into three classes defined by the number of lines in the poem:

Class 1 2 – 6 lines	Class 2 7 – 11 lines	Class 3 12 – 18 lines
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Poems do not have to rhyme.

Poems may be traditional verse, acrostic, blank verse, cinquain, diamonds or haiku.

Titles are optional.

PROSE “Nature and Me”

Suggestions: What do I imagine in a scene in nature? Create an imaginary or realistic story about a walk in the woods or by the water or in the garden. Tell about something exciting you might find in nature.

The prose writing should be no more than one side of an 8½ X 11” paper.

Contest Rules for Sheldrake Entries

1. Each entry must be the work of a single child, though any child may submit both one poem and one piece of prose.
2. Child submits **two copies** of the work to the teacher, typed on undecorated, unlined white paper. The typing may be done by anyone. Format requires that there be a **3 inch margin at the bottom of the page**.
3. One copy is to be submitted in the plain typed format. The second copy is to be mounted on a 9 x 12” sheet of construction paper (color to be the choice of the child). Please trim one inch from the bottom of the typed sheet prior to mounting and in the right bottom margin of the construction paper write **name of child, grade and name of school**. These mounted copies will be displayed at Sheldrake Environmental Center this spring.
5. The plain, unmounted copy of the work must have the following information on the **BACK** of the page: **name, age in ½ years, grade, school, and sponsoring club** (Garden Club of Larchmont and Sheldrake Environmental Center). Entries that show this information on the front will be disqualified.
6. Teacher and/or parent should retain a copy of the work. All submitted entries become the property of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
7. A box for depositing the completed work will be provided in the office at each school. **All work must be submitted before the end of school on Friday, April 4th.**

SCALE OF POINTS

Topic	10
Style	20
Creativity	30
Content	40

HAVE FUN!

Any Questions? Please call Amy Bisignani or Mary Davis at Sheldrake Environmental Center - 834-1443.