

Spring Day Thoughts

(This is a frank informal expression of thoughts that have been running through an average student's mind during the classes of the past few weeks).

Ho, Hum! Nature is certainly spreading on the colors these days, peach, pear, and apple blossoms blowing around everywhere. Lot of good it does us tho having to sit in school. However it is nice to look out at the red bud bushes—that is, if your class happens to be on the right side of the building. Gee, I've got the jitters so bad I'll never be able to sit through this class. What wouldn't I give to be out in all that good old sunshine! Oh—oh—it's so grand. It's a funny thing, tho, how "delicious, delightful and delovely" the out-of-doors seems when you're in a stuffy old school room. It's not nearly so glamorous at 3:30 when you're out for good (oh heck—why do my thoughts have to be interrupted!) "Why is 'Julius Caesar' considered a tragedy or "See Questions!" Who cares what it's considered? Oh, well, as I was thinking, life is pretty lovely in the spring. Oh those home economics girls! Why do they have to make cookies when all the windows are up? The same air that invites us out also makes our mouths water. I declare school can be so tantalizing (What's that the teacher said about an assignment? Guess I'll have to get it from Julia.)

SPRING

Spring is here and everyone is gay, The time is more wonderful than all the month of May.

Violets shyly creeping; This, the evidence of Spring, Seems to make the air fairly ring.

Girl's ropes are swinging, Boys' marbles jingling, Kits are gayly clinging To budding, friendly trees. We should be on our knees, Thanking God for these.

Children on bicycles proudly climbing, (Don't you like my rhyming?) To the outposts of the city Never taking time to pity Children who have no bicycles Or have never tasted Pop-sickles. —Mavis Peace

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PUPILS IN CIVICS CLASSES GO INTO THE SUBJECT OF SAFETY; SOME WRITE VERSES

In civics class the pupils have been discussing safety in the homes and on the streets and highways. We usually think of the home as a safe place, but it has been estimated that about 30,000 people are killed by accidents in the home each year. Many deaths result from falls, scalds, burns, poisons, electricity, asphyxiation and suffocation. Several verses were written about safety. Here are some of the verses written by pupils in 205:

Nearly half of all home injuries result from falls; And many of the others from burns and scalds,

So don't leave your toys in the middle of the steps; Nor strike a match because of bets. Keep poisons up on the highest shelf,

For if you don't, you might have to yell for help.

Keep gas turned off unless there's a fire,

But if it won't turn off, a man you must hire,

Put rubbers on under your rugs, So that you won't slip, no matter how many tugs.

Be sure and keep tools in the safest place,

So that you won't have to go to the doctor at a swift pace.

—Susanne Lindeman

BE CAREFUL; WATCH WHAT YOU DO

Never carry a hot liquid; When there's a trippy rug around, And while you stoop to fix the rug Just set the liquid down.

Always use the banisters On your basement steps, Never hurry in the dark down there Because a light does help.

Never hurry to a place That is quite near, Just take your time and It will cost you nothing very dear.

Don't step into a bathtub When there's a piece of soap around, 'Cause if you do, in the water You might accidently drown.

Always turn on a light When you are in the dark, Or you may see stars twinkling On an unexpected bark.

If it's very cold and slippery Don't slide around for fun, Or you may have a serious fall Before you've hardly begun.

Don't ever throw a lighted match Down on the ground, Just politely extinguish it, Before it spreads around.

—Cathryne Albertson.

SAFETY RULES

Many pedestrians are killed on the streets and highways each year. In civics we have written a list of

rules, which if observed, will save many pedestrians' lives.

1. Walk on the left side of the highway facing traffic.

2. Never ride on the running board of an automobile.

3. Never run from behind parked vehicles.

4. Obey traffic rules.

5. Obey traffic officers.

6. Cross at crossing lanes on busy streets.

7. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the street, keeping out of the way of all traffic.

8. Be careful always.

—Charles Smith

ACCIDENTS

Accidents in the home make everyone feel bad, But you just fall on a slick floor and you'll feel pretty mad.

Accidents in the home are not nursery rhymes, People have known this since the beginning of the times.

Once there was a little boy who slipped upon the floor, He slid down the long hall and out the back door.

Electricity is bad, rugs are worse, If you don't let them alone, you'll go for a ride in the hearse.

Firecrackers are bad, stairs are worse,

So leave both alone and practice "safety first!"

—Grady Goldston

When you start to cross a street, Use your eyes, ears, and then your feet.

—Arline Calloway

ANSWERS TO WHO'S WHO

1. Robert Burns
2. Katherine Lee Bates
3. Lewis Carroll
4. Lucy Fitch Perkins
5. Albert Payson Terhune
6. Kate Douglas Wiggin
7. Robert Louis Stevenson
8. Joel Chandler Harris
9. Richard Halliburton
10. Charles Dickens

ARRIVAL OF SPRING

While I sat on a log in a gloomy state of mind,

Spring came on tiptoe, silently creeping o'er the earth,

Causing a colorful flower to spring wherever her magic wand struck. She lightly tapped a barren spot, and ho!

A modest violet shyly peeped into his newborn world.

The snowflake blossoms of the apple tree and baby-pink of the cherry Are all born in her magic tricks, while skipping over the earth.

And then I glanced into the distance and said unto myself,

"Spring has just arrived, so throw away your sorrow and gloom And join in its foliosome play!"

—Mary Anne Thomas

SPRING

It's here! It's here! It's come again, A time of peace to all good men.

When flowers lift their leafy heads, Above the earth from their brown beds.

When white snow melts and rivers run,

Beneath the oft seen glittering sun. When the pure air is again once filled,

With children's cries for so long stilled.

When bells in church towers softly ring,

God's most high blessing—spring.

—Byron Grandjean.

UNTANGLED

1. Billy Price
2. James Kivett
3. Charles Hassell
4. Albert Evans
5. Willard Wilson
6. Lawrence Holmes
7. Darrell Truitt
8. Harold Truitt
9. Bobby Conrad
10. Clyde Mangum

10 Commandments For Pedestrians

Thou shalt look where thou goest. Thou shalt cross the streets only at corners.

Thou shalt look both ways before crossing a street.

Thou shalt not try to beat cars to the crossing.

Thou shalt obey the policeman if he is directing traffic.

Thou shalt not jay-walk.

Thou shalt not expect a driver of a vehicle to be responsible for your safety.

Thou shalt not hide behind an umbrella and expect to see where thou goest.

Thou shalt walk on the right side of the highway.

Thou shalt not step out behind parked cars.

Ye who obey these rules shall be rewarded with a longer life.

SPRING

Spring is a glamorous season which comes once a year,

The trees are budding and flowers are blooming,

The birds are flying and the sun is shining,

The golden buttercups of the scented dew is dimming,

Boys and girls have caught the fever,

They have to come out and jump the rope,

Their mothers too are happy and gay,

And longing for another glamorous day,

The teachers are sweet now and welcome you at the door,

For they know school is nearly o'er. I wish spring came much more often,

So we could stay more in the golden sun.

—Bill Buie

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