Buono’s Authentic Pizzeria

- 12th Annual -
School Poetry Competition 2010

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Italy... a Treasure Forever!

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Dear Schools, Students, and Community:

The title of Sean Corbaley’s poem “Didn’t Know Diddly about Italy” really captures the essence of our 12th Annual Buono’s School Poetry Contest! We are happy that so many students, from 15 different elementary schools and high schools, have taken the time to uncover the special treasures that Italy has to offer – from its people, rich history and culture, to its celebrations, unique landscape, and wonderful foods. We applaud all the youth who participated and thank you (Grazie!) for your creativity. Because of your wonderful poetry, people here in San Pedro and Long Beach will learn how Italy is a treasure forever!

We are especially grateful to the dedicated parents, school administrators, and teachers that have inspired their children/students to participate in this competition. We are also thankful for the volunteer judges who made time amidst their busy schedules. Our first round of judges included: Autum Brown, Nikki Joslyn, Oti Gomez, Tim Ricks, and Elliot Semmelman. Our Poet’s Choice judges were Dr. Gerald Locklin, a well respected published poet, author, and retired CSULB professor, and also the wonderful writer Rob Wahrhaftig. The “Kid’s Choice Awards” was judged by a former poetry contest winner who is now in sixth grade, Patrick C. He sure has an eye and ear for great poetry...he picked some of the same winners as the Poet’s Choice Award judges did! Our judges really enjoyed reading all the poems and learned a lot about Italy in the process. May our readers do the same!

To those reading this delightful treasure of poetry, and to all participants, Grazie for honoring our restaurant and the Italian heritage. We look forward to carrying on this tradition for many years to come and are honored to be delivering this slice of Italian culture to so many students, schools, and the community!

Enjoy,

Frank Buono
and the entire Buono’s Family and Pizzeria Team Members

"Great thanks should be accorded Buono’s restaurants, the annual sponsor of this contest. I know this is a true labor of love for Frank Buono and all concerned. They rightly recognize the high place that education should hold in our values, our priorities. And they demonstrate that all of us should study and take pride in both the lands of our ancestors and the great nation we now call home."

- Gerry Locklin, CSULB Professor of English, Published Poet, Buono’s Poet’s Choice Judge

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1st PLACE

Venice, a Treasure Forever
- Frank Tuala, 5th Grade
  Mr. Monaghan’s Class

As the moon shined upon my face
I smile at the city’s grace.
The twinkle in her eye
Reflects on the canals from the sky.
My mom drank red wine
When she went out to dine.
The night is still young
The fun has just begun.
You can visit the pope
Who will fill you with hope.
I found a beautiful fountain
You could take a side trip to the Alps, mountains.
As we pass by the doves
We are in a city of love.
Venice is a treasure forever.

2nd PLACE

Italy, a Treasure Forever
- Aimee Duarte, 5th Grade
  Mr. Monaghan’s Class

Italy is my treasure forever
People around there are so clever
I like the pizza and other food
Because it’s so tasty and so good
Italy is very, very pretty
It has a lot of famous cities
I love Italy because it’s wonderful
The works of arts are beautiful
When I go back there it will be a pleasure
Because to me, Italy is a treasure.

3rd PLACE

Italy is My Treasure
- Ivan Velazquez, 5th Grade
  Mr. Monaghan’s Class

Oh Italy, you are so cool.
I think that other countries drool.
Oh Italy, I love your food.
I just don’t want to be rude.
Oh Italy, I ate so much pizza.
That I had to lean over like the tower of Pisa.
Oh Italy, I wish I went to Rome.
To explore and get it done alone.
Oh Italy, I wish I could be there.
I haven’t finished seeing the treasures you have everywhere.

Did You Know?

Italy covers 116,346 square miles! (Slightly larger than the state of Arizona) and it's estimated that nearly 60 million people live in Italy, and one in five Italians are 65 years old!
**1st PLACE**

*Italy Traveling… What you Will Find*
- Jasmina Sanchez, 4th Grade  
  Mrs. Fiamengo’s Class

The country of Italy is such a treasure that many people make it their leisure. With places to go and people to meet and you will find a great pizza on every street.

Italy has beaches on the Adriatic Sea where many tourists come to sunbathe and sightsee.

Come to Italy where you will find wonderful places where people are kind.

When you see Italy on the world it may look like a high heel boot that makes it look cute.

Other things you will see – the painting of the Mona Lisa who did not smile not in a while.

Come with me to Italy and see how it is with me please.

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**2nd PLACE**

*The Best of Italy*
- Johnny Quintana, 3rd Grade  
  Miss Sierra’s Class

Italy is famous for pastas, pizza and wine, in every Italian household when they dine.

Grapevines decorate the rolling hills and country sides, makes bus touring a favorite ride.

Pasta cooked until it is all dense, firm to the teeth, Sautéing pasta sauce makes the flavor, oh so sweet.

After dinner a cannoli is best, now take time to rest.

So you can travel around Italy Rome, Florence, Tuscany or Sicily. This trip of a lifetime won’t last, take it slow and have a blast.

Leave with memories of a treasured land all in the palm of your hand Each city is such a treasure and it’s all for your pleasure.

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**Did You Know?**

Italy has been the largest worldwide exporter and producer of kiwis, grapes, and artichokes.
3rd PLACE
Didn’t Know Diddly About Italy
- Sean Corbaley, 4th Grade
  Mrs. Fiamengo’s Class

I didn’t know diddly about Italy, then one day as I was perched
I decided to research
and found there were many treasures there.
Inventors like Leonardo Da Vinci
who drew women with mysterious smiles for miles.
Or explorers named Christopher Columbus
who proved the world was round like pizza pie
instead of square like Sponge Bob.
And great leaders like Nero who fiddled
when the Roman Empire was on fire!!!
I will forever remember the power of the
Leaning Tower of Pisa
because it’s my favorite treasure of Italy.

Did You Know?
Kids in Italy go to school six days a week...from 8:30 a.m.
to 1:30 p.m.

Artwork by
Sean Corbaley
1st PLACE
*Italy’s Great Gondolas and Precious Paintings*
- Sam Polite, 4th Grade
  Mrs. Durazzo’s Class

As you go down the stream you might relax and dream, about all the things you’ll see, in beautiful Italy.

It really is a pretty sight, when you are in a gondola at night! It also is a dazzling show, when all the lights are all aglow!

In Venice I can maybe see, taking my wife there with me. After you’re done with the gondola ride, you could stroll to the museum and look inside.

You might see the beautiful Pavement Café, but my favorite painter is Claude Monet. But alas, I’m only nine, so that romance is, in future time.

2nd PLACE
*A Dream of Italy*
- Jack Littleworth, 4th Grade
  Mrs. Durazzo’s Class

To go to Italy
Oh, but a dream.
To see the Spanish steps
To eat Naples Neapolitan ice cream.

I’d like to toss Trevi fountain a coin
To make a wish or two.
To pretend I am a gladiator,
In the Coliseum, and sword fight with you.

I’d like to be the gondolier
For all my friends and me,
Through Venice’s watery canals
While we lunch on yummy Genoa salami.

One day, my dream to visit
It surely must come true.
But until then, I dream,
And dream, and dream the whole day through.

3rd PLACE
*Italy’s Illustrious Inventions*
- Tess Anderson, 4th Grade
  Mrs. Durazzo’s Class

Ah, Italy…land of inventions, The source of things that make my life better.
From the virtuous violin and proud piano whose music I love to hear, To the eye glasses that let me see the magic of the world.

From the typewriter that puts my words on paper, To the thermometer that reads the temperature of our land every day.
From the cologne that makes grown-ups smell good, To the ice cream, cold and sweet, my most favorite treat! Ah, Italy… your inventions I’ll treasure forever!
"I appreciated being a judge; it was a new and fun experience for me. Thank you!"
- Patrick C., Kid’s Choice Judge (former Buono’s contest winner!)

Did You Know?
The average Italian consumes over half a pound of bread a day!
2nd PLACE

Italy, A Treasure Forever!
- Elizabeth Ruiz, 5th Grade
Mrs. Richardson’s Class

Italy owns its very natural beauty, incredible and treasures with importance of its own unity. Italy has very wonderful sights; a lot of the places are full of bright lights!

Some places are full of red roses, and I got a red rose from Moses. In a museum it is so amusing, and I saw the painting of the beautiful Mona Lisa!

I also saw great sculptures showing their culture!

After that, I went to a mall in Venice, Italy is beautiful. It was a little small, but you can always stand tall.

There are thousands of things you could see at Italy, thousands of sights! Italy is full of treasures of great qualities, and now I want to say that...

Italy you are a treasure forever!

3rd PLACE

Italy, Oh Rome
- Paola Cobian, 3rd Grade
Mr. Martinez’s Class

From throwing coins in the Trevi fountain
To sitting on the Spanish Steps
Chitting and chatting with words like buona sera, come stai, and ciao

From the Alps to the Dolemitis covered with snow
Thousands of people come to Skate in the shivering winds

Canoeing in the moon’s light
From the moon’s light I will fly
I’m sorry I have to say good bye.

Did You Know?

Fashion is a little different in Italy. For example we wear tennis shoes everywhere. In Italy you'll usually only see them worn in gyms and on athletic fields. Here women wear pants a lot. You'll rarely see native Italian women wearing pants.
1st PLACE
Italy...Nothing Greater
- Joshua Quibin, 5th Grade
  Ms. Madrigal’s Class

Italy is a great country.
It’s a very nice place.
It’s not all about the pizza.
But this place is full of great taste.

I love Italy so greatly.
I really can’t even explain.
I love Italy so deeply.
I will never ever complain.

This country made many inventions.
The thermometer, typewriter, and the ice cream cone too.
Without all of these cool inventions,
I just wouldn’t know what to do.

This is why Italy is a treasure forever.
You can’t get something like this just by pulling a lever.

This country is smart,
very clever indeed.
I’m done with this poem,
there’s more on Italy to read.

Artwork by
Madison Delrosario
Freemont Elementary, 4th Grade
2nd PLACE
“Italy...A Treasure Forever”
- Joseph Arthur Belen, 3rd Grade
Sr. Mary Joanne’s Class

I haven’t been to Italy, but through books, internet and chat
A lot of things I got - left me with good facts.
Yes, Italy is indeed a good place to live at.

This is one of the most developed countries
Rome is the largest city and capital of Italy
Every person would love to visit and see
And of course feel for ourselves why
Surely, Italy is...a treasure for everybody.
Under parliamentary republic government
Remember “Canto degli Italiani” their song forever will be.
Excellently amazing architectural styles

Florence Cathedral, Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Coliseum are places
I want to see
Oh, don’t forget the Palazzo and the houses which they call
“CA” or “casas” in Italy.
Renaissance Garden inspired by beauty,
Excellent poets like Quasimodo came from Italy.
Violin and piano were invented in Italy
Even symphony, concerto and sonata can trace their roots back to Italy.
Right, Italy is a place to treasure for me.

3rd PLACE
Italy Most Beautiful
- Matias Posada, 5th Grade
Ms. Madrigal’s Class

Italy most beautiful you show us
your beauty
Your people invented cologne
Which I can put on when I feel forlorn
You invented gelato which is fruity
and does its duty

Your car brands are great
I would buy all
When it comes to Fiat or Ferrari
You can never go wrong

If it’s Maserati or Alfa Romeo
I would enjoy it for long
And I’m sure that Galileo
Would love to ride along

Your national sport is soccer
I enjoy it very much
This might not come as a shocker
Italy is a treasure forever
A special thank you to Maria Calimquim Yepez for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE
The Treasures of Italy
- Amy Uribe, 3rd Grade
  Mrs. Silva’s Class

Maybe you want to see the Mona Lisa,
Or even go to the Leaning Tower of Pisa

Then off to Italy you should go,
To see these fine treasures home.

The Trevi Fountain is just so fine.
You may even consider it to be divine.

Oh you can’t forget the Pope.
He fills people with great hope.

Italy is a land with many treasures.
Its worth is well beyond measure.

2nd PLACE
Italy is a Treasure
- Maelene DeJesus, 3rd Grade
  Mrs. Silva’s Class

From the Alps to the beaches and sands
Italy is a country of diverse treasures and land.

There is skiing in the Appenine Mountains.
Don’t forget to test your luck at the Trevi Fountain.

Pasta, pizza, and cheese so divine,
Even the wine tastes so fine.

There are a lot of famous buildings in Rome
I would like to make it my full time home.

Italy is the best!
It will always get an A+ on any traveling test.

3rd PLACE
Fantastic Italy
- Karina Quintero, 3rd Grade
  Mrs. Silva’s Class

Of the different countries you’ll go through
Italy probably will be just for you!

Your first stop should be to see Michelangelo’s art.
When I looked at La Pieta it hurts my heart.

A different, delicious treasure is their gelato which is yummy.
Their gelato beats our bear gummies.

Italy has many beautiful and magical sights,
As a traveler Italy’s treasures will bring you to new heights.
1st PLACE

A Treasure... in the Shape of a Boot
- Aleksandar Bolta, 3rd Grade
  Mrs. Lopez’s Class

Famous for its wine and cheeses,
Pavarotti, Verdi, Rome,
Can’t imagine mamma’s morning
without her espresso with some foam.

Uncle Tony drove a Ferrari,
with no roof, that’s why he’s bold,
Aunt Maria makes her special
Tiramisu that’s deliciously cold.

The Learning Tower of Pisa leans
to the side,
Fontana di Trevi waits for couples in love,
Italy is a treasure,
Italy, it is Adriatic dove.

2nd PLACE

Miracle Water, A Cure From Italy
- Adriana Bonilla, 3rd Grade
  Mrs. Lopez’s and Mrs. Gomez’s Classes

Miracle Water, A Cure From Italy
Italy, the bottle smells of sweet grapes,
eroli oil, bergamot, rosemary,
and lavender.

The sweet smell fills the air in 1709
and continues in the lives of many.
This miracle water is a cure for
illnesses from small to large,

It is a treasure that lives on and on forever
in the hearts and souls of people,

This treasure soothes the senses, calms
the soul, and the mind,

The scents are long lasting on the body,
filling the air with joyful thoughts
and happiness,
The barber was creative in Italy, he
created
the cologne that fills my heart with joy,

Italy is a treasure forever, it is where
cologne was created,
it is used all around the world and will
always exist

Thank you barber for the smell of hope,
love, happiness, calmness,
and memories that will never end.

3rd PLACE

An Ancient & Modern Day Treasure!
- Jasmine Santoro, 5th Grade
  Mrs. Rodriguez’s Class

An Ancient & Modern Day Treasure!
Italy...a treasure forever!
Giotto’s paintings we begin with,
For all knows it is not a myth.

Now it is clear,
Opera originated from here,
Now we must go to Rome,
To witness why many call it Home,
As we walk along in Rome,
We soon view Vatican Dome,
Drinking water and fashion is
number one in Italy.
Everyone loves Italy happily,
Italy, a treasure forever!
1st PLACE
Italy
- Taylor Marlow, 3rd Grade
Ms. Nadeau's Class

Italy, Italy shaped like a boot.
Famous for art and famous for food
I love your pasta
My mom loves your wine
I'd like to come visit you any old time.
Michelangelo's David
sure does look chilly
and if I posed like that
I would look silly
That's where the Pope lives
Catholics wait to get in
So I know where to go
If I ever do sin.

2nd PLACE
All Roads Lead To Rome
- Lauren Fieldhouse, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Finley's Class

When I am in Rome,
I never want to go home.
When I eat Italian food,
I feel a special mood.
When I see the ocean,
I can feel emotion.
The statues and fountains,
The snow on the mountains.
All these things are a great Treasure,
That we will NEVER know how to measure!

3rd PLACE
Getting to Know Italy
- Mecca Woodson, 3rd Grade
Ms. Nadeau's Class

Oh Italy, I don't know much about you,
but I know I love pizza and pasta too!
The Leaning Tower of Pisa
looks like it will fall,
but your beautiful mountains and great beaches
make up for it all.
Opera, romance and expensive clothes galore,
boat rides, gelato, I'd like to know more.
Oh Italy, I've read so many great things about you,
Now I just need a plane ticket to make my new dream come true!
Poetry Contest 2010

Mary Star of the Sea Elementary
A special thank you to Aggie DiTucci for coordinating your school's participation.

Poet’s Choice
Elementary School Award
1st Place Tie

Kid’s Choice
Elementary School Award
2nd Place

1st PLACE
A Dream Of The Past
- Liora Ocampo, 5th Grade
  Mrs. D’Amato’s Class

Ancient, old, big, and broken,
this is what I see today.
If I close my eyes and dream,
my imagination will take me away.
The excitement of the crowds cheering
for the Olympic Games being played.
The best athletes in the land
are in Rome today.
The gladiator battles
were the biggest games of all.
But sadly by the end,
one gladiator must Fall.
In the eighteenth century there was
reason to hope,
With the Stations of the Cross and
Benedict The Pope.
Although the fifty thousand seats
today are falling apart,
this magnificent scene of Italian Treasure
remains new in all of our hearts.

Did You Know?
Many words of Italian origin have entered other languages. For example the color "magenta" comes from a town in northern Italy named Magenta, and the name Madonna means "My Lady" in Italian!

2nd PLACE
Italy’s Treasure
- Nick Diaz, 5th Grade
  Mrs. D’Amato’s Class

A treasure forever will be but only one that is Italy.
People bask in it’s glory while others are adoring.
Italy has one treasure that will be forever.
Is it their passion for all kinds of fashion?
Or beautiful rhymes and no crimes?
Is it the language they speak or the beauty they seek?
Could it be the beautiful sights, or the rolling mountain heights?
That’s not the only thing is it that they like to sing?
Now if that’s your only guess it’s really not your best.
The most important treasure part is that it remains in my heart.
3rd PLACE
What is the Treasure of Italy?
- Grace Gioiello, 5th Grade
  Mrs. D’Amato’s Class

What is the treasure of Italy?
Is it the Tower of Pisa?
The Mona Lisa?
Or a pretty painting on the ceiling?
Or maybe it happened in a game of tennis under the streets of Venice?
Or maybe Amerigo Vespucci?
Or linguini?
Or maybe Frank Sinatra’s voice of choice?
Or maybe Marco polo playing a game of his name in the pool?
Or maybe me a Gioiello Jewel?

Mary Star of the Sea Elementary
(Continued)

Mary Star of the Sea High School
A special thank you to John Erb for coordinating your school's participation.

1st PLACE
If I May Have Italy
- Atziri Alatorre, 10th Grade
  Mr. Erb’s Class

As I walk upon the Italian boot, Surprises emerge to my eyes. The architecture so high in the sky The Creator made Italy from designs From none other than Michelangelo. The Vatican is in the heart of Italy, The land made up of such faith. It is truly the place to be. You may have the universe, If I may have Italy.
Land of All
- Gary Yang, 10th Grade
  Mr. Erb’s Class

In Italy, its capital is Rome,
The place with the Coliseum Dome.
The flag bears the green,
white, and red
And great pastas of which
millions are fed.
In Europe, is where this country exists
Of many cultures, religions and
societies consist.
There live over fifty million people
Who hopefully have seen the
Sistene Chapel.
The country gives smiles to all
the civilians
Knowing that they are full-blooded
Italians.

Did You Know?

There are two independent
countries inside Italy's
borders...the tiny Republic of
San Marino (north-central
Italy) and then the Vatican
City which is located
completely within the city of
Rome.
San Pedro High School

A special thank you to Jeanette Stevens for coordinating your school's participation.

Poet's Choice
High School Award
2nd Place Tie

1st PLACE
A Jewel in the Crown
- Shelby Newallis, 10th Grade
Mrs. Ida Lanza's Class

Italia; the proud green, white, and red flag waves from the mountains to the Mediterranean.
Italia; rich in ruins, romance, and relaxation.
Italia; the birthplace of pasta, pizza, and all that is good in life.
Italia; the place where music and laughter linger on the street corner.
Italia; a place of endless magic.

"Congratulations to the winners. They show a fine sense of musical language and graceful phrasing. I hope they will continue to write poems throughout their lives. But that goes for all the poets. They showed unusual talent for this youthful stage in their lives."
- Gerry Locklin, CSULB Professor of English, Published Poet, Buono's Poet's Choice Judge
Poetry Contest 2010

Seventh Street Elementary School

A special thank you to Zan Colazas for coordinating your school’s participation.

1st PLACE
That’s Italian!
- Eddie Valles, 5th Grade
  Ms. Samm’s Class

Pasta is a national dish
In Sicily they eat a lot of fish
Italians invented the ice cream cone,
Meucci created the telephone,
Italians invented Italian ice,
Along with gelato that’s very nice,
Italians made a machine that makes espresso,
They even invented the piano,
Lasagna, Spaghetti, Linguini, Ziti,
The Pope lives in the Vatican City,
Christopher Columbus sailed across the sea,
I bet he wishes he had a Ferrari,
Ischia, Venice, Florence, and Rome,
Makes me feel like I’m at home.

2nd PLACE
Historic Italy
- Julia De La Merced, 4th Grade
  Ms. Diaz’s Class

Historic Italy is what it’s all about
Interesting Leaning Tower of Pisa
as we know all about
So much to love and learn,
you just can’t believe!
Teatro Del Burattino is a puppet theater for kids to see.
Oh so magnifico!
Rome with Sistine Chapel
designed by Michelangelo
Island of Ischia is where you want to be,
beautiful beaches like Capri
Coliseum has passageways used by Gladiators to fight where visitors can go through
Aquarium of Genoa the largest in Europe and the best too
Lake Garda where Gardaland an amusement park is so much fun to see
So much to learn, so much to treasure on HISTORICAL Italian!!!
Viva ITALIAN!!!

3rd PLACE
Italy a Treasure Forever...
Beautiful Dream
- Angelina Camello, 4th Grade
  Ms. Gross’ Class

The beaches in Ischia are hidden treasures.
I swim in the water and follow the fish.
I lie on the sand and look at IL Castello Aragonese.
With a gelato in my hand
I think about my nonna and noono
And how they were young and would hold hands on the sand.

My nonno would talk about his next boat plans.
I nap on the beach with a towel on my feet
and pretend I’m a mermaid in the Mediterranean Sea.
I awake from my nap from the sound of beep beep.
It was my cousin Antonio.
I slip on my flip flops and I run to the street
I jump on his vespa to get to another beach.
There are lots of famous places in it. I would love to ride in a gondola in Venice or walk sideways in the leaning tower of Pisa. Two thousand years ago Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried the city of Pompeii, "mama-mia!"

Ravioli, lasagna, pizza, tortellini. All these foods I want to eat. For dessert what could be better than gelato a frozen treat.

In Italy they dance of grapes, grow fields of sunflowers, and pray to Saints. Soccer is the sport Italians love to play. It would be fun to run and kick and make goals all day.

Italians make the best wine, "that's what I've been told," but I'm only 8 so I'll have to wait until I'm 21 years old.

"Rossi" is the most common last name in Italy (over 68,000 families have it). "Ferrari" is the third most common last name!
2nd PLACE  
**Italy: A Treasure For Us**  
- Jason Foster, 4th Grade  
  Ms. Dye’s Class

Italy is the place to be.  
It has so many great cities to see.

The largest is the Eternal City known as Rome.  
Next, is Milan where fashion and finance  
call home.

You're off to a great start,  
Jump on a vespa to Florence for great art.

You become hungry, what is your wish?  
Pasta, of course, the national dish.

The Italians discovered so many things:  
The telephone, eyeglasses, and the expresso machine.

If it weren't for the Italians where would we be?  
It was Christopher Columbus who discovered our great  
country!

3rd PLACE  
**A Pleasure and A Hoot**  
- Kai Kaneshiro, 4th Grade  
  Ms. Dye’s Class

Oh how I love fancy cars and nice shoes,  
with fine leather and Ferrari's,  
no one has the blues.

The Vatican is the home of the Pope.  
Whose job is to help people and  
give them hope.

The country is shaped like a boot  
a visit there would be a hoot!

It's a pleasure to roam in Rome,  
where I would love to own a home.

In Venice there are water streets,  
and hundreds of restaurants with  
good eats.
Poet’s Choice
Elementary School Award
2nd Place Tie

1st PLACE
Italy - A Treasure Forever
- Mason Tan, 3rd Grade
Miss Andric’s Class

Arrived in the “Eternal City” also known as Rome,
Across the ocean very very far from home.

Took a little tour riding on a vespa,
First stop the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

The smell of the sea and wind in my face,
Like I'm at Circus Maximus long ago in a chariot race.

Made a wish and threw a coin in the famous Trevi Fountain,
Rome is located by the sea near the Apennine mountain.

Birthplace of famous people like Michelangelo and Raphael,
The legendary artists not ninja turtles on a half shell.

Next stop the Vatican, where people pray for hope,
Home of Benedict the Sixteenth, our current Pope.

Last stop is to see the statues of gods in the Pantheon,
Italy is a treasure forever and I hope it will never be gone!
2nd PLACE
Linguini Soccer
- AJ Rivera, 3rd Grade
  Miss Andric's Class

The fans arrive early to San Siro Stadium in Milan and are amazed by what they see.

The field was made with pizza ingredients and pasta, too!

Soccer nets were made of linguini and pasta with the corner flags made with pizza slices.

Mozzarella cheese was used to outline the field. Soccer players began kicking meatball shaped soccer balls into the nets.

Michelangelo blew the ravioli whistle and the players were ready to begin. They passed the meatball up and down the field looking to score.

The meatball bounces off a player's garlic bread shin guard into the goal. The fans jumped up and down with excitement when the meatball hit the net.

GOOOAAALLLL!!!! The fans shouted throwing pepperoni confetti in the air!

3rd PLACE
Venice
- Claire Catalasan, 5th Grade
  Ms. Whorl's Class

Near San Marco, lives a spooky story, About St. Mark's bones buried now history!

Also the streets flood easily, so they walk on the canals, so they can reach home safely.

Many tourists travel in this place, If you want to know why, It is one of the most popular and romantic cities in the world!

Have you guessed? I will tell you since time is less. It is the remarkable landscape in Italy, Venice!

Italy, Oh Italy, I am ready to go! Cannot wait! Oh I cannot wait what Italy's going to show!

What may I ask am I specifically going to see? I am going to a landscape in Italy!

It is built over 100 islands, connected by bridges. It has attractions such as beautiful churches, museums, sites, more than that!
A special thank you to Lisa O’Brien for coordinating your school’s participation.

1st PLACE
Treasuring Italy
- Ryan Klopfenstein, 5th Grade
  Mrs. Johnson’s Class

Italy, oh Italy, with buildings old and new,
Your architectural strength builds
a city on the ocean blue.
Orchards of all sizes, from shrubs to grapevines,
and water so beautiful, it looks as if it shines
Italy has lots of things, one different from the rest,
but personally to me, the piano is best.
It originated in Italy, and spread throughout the land,
they come in different sizes, I play a baby grand!

2nd PLACE
A Treasured Place
- Adriana Maldonado, 5th Grade
  Mrs. Johnson’s Class

Statues of gods,
They’re silver and gold
The art is so fine
So is their wine.

Markets bustling,
with food that’s so full of taste
it fills you up with anticipation
there is no time to waste.

Feel the heat
of the noon time sun,
feel the smiles on the people
as they greet you, one by one.

Their past was a proud fight
now, only smiles are here
every day and night.
I could stay here for ever
that’s why Italy is a treasure.

3rd PLACE
Thy Italy
- Christina Barlow, 5th Grade
  Mrs. Johnson’s Class

Thee on thy own makes it so charming
Water flowing under
Colorful archways
Gods and Saints paste
Artful depictions
Brilliant cooks in all shapes and sizes
More tourist come to see you shine
Bright midday sky

I hear music in the miles
Origin of guitar and piano
Endless roads of grapevines and smiles
Thy Italy so delightful and mysterious
Thee is riches of the earth
Where do the Buonos Come From?

The Buono Family was raised in a little beach town called Ischia in Southern Italy. The town is on a volcanic island that is only 18 square miles.

Known as the Emerald Isle, its mineral springs have made it popular as a health resort and a tourist center. People there fish and farm, and also make wine, tile and pottery.

The Buono family were bakers, which explains why the pizza dough at Buono’s Authentic Pizzeria is just wonderful!

The Buonos take pride in their heritage and traditions and encourages everyone to enjoy what they bring to you in their restaurants since 1973. Buon Appetito!
Here’s some Italian to help you feel even more at home at Buono’s Authentic Pizzeria!

Buono:  
(Bwon-oh)  
Good.

Buona Notte:  
(Bwon-ah No-tay)  
Good Night.

Buon Giorno:  
(Bwone Jee-or-no)  
Good Morning.

Buon Appetito:  
(Bwone-Ap-eh-tee-toe)  
(I wish you) a hearty appetite.

Buon Pomeriggio:  
(Bwone Pom-er-ee-jee-o)  
Good Afternoon.

Buona Sera:  
(Bwone-ah Sar-ah)  
Good Evening.

Ciao:  
(Chow)  
Hello/Goodbye.

Arrivederci:  
(Ah-reev-a-dare-chee)  
See you soon;  
Until we meet again.
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