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The Mouse was Out at Recess

Christian Schools Int'l/Library Materials Guide

****** = Outstanding, books of special distinction**

This delightful poetry book is written by an author who must have the heart of a young child since he communicates the thoughts of early grammar school denizens so well. Fittingly hilarious illustrations accompany these poems.

Louise Parsons - Children's Literature

This book of poetry is perfect for an elementary age child. The author takes ordinary school experiences like riding the school bus, class pets, mystery lunches, and school assignments and turns them into humorous, engaging poems. The poems celebrate all of the unique and somewhat unusual things that occur in school. Some of the poems even explore highly unlikely situations, like a dog loose in school. Illustrations fill every page with color and whimsy. They enhance the poetry and provide visual clues for the reader. This book would make an excellent addition to any library and could easily be incorporated into any poetry lesson plan. This book contains different forms of poetry and even includes poems to be read in two voices. 2003, Wordsong/Boyds Mills Press, Ages 7 to 12.

Catholic Library World

A silly book about school! Creative, colorful illustrations enrich the school-themed poetry. The poems depict field trips, report cards, the cafeteria, recess, science, pets and finally, teachers. Giggles and laughter will erupt from both readers and listeners. A must for language arts teachers and librarians who indulge in sharing poetry with all those six and older.

Ft. Worth ISD Library Media Services

This sequel to “Somebody Catch My Homework” is a collection of poems about school. The poems cover a wide range of school subjects. If you enjoyed the first book, you will certainly enjoy the humor and fun in this book.

Omaha Public Schools Library Media Center Materials Selection Committee

A dozen poems, mostly tongue in cheek, mostly about school related things, that elementary students will enjoy. Good book to use in writing poetry. Many areas for discussion. Bright, active, funny school room illustrations done in gouache, pencil and pen and ink.

Richardson Independent School District

I enjoyed the collection of poems in the book. Each poem should stimulate children with the humorous content and good, simple rhythmic lines. The illustrations are bright and cute. Very kid-friendly. Each poem also has a poetic pattern of rhyme that young children could relate to and read with ease.

Assoc. of Reg. XI School Librarians, Fort Worth, TX

This is a sequel to *Somebody Catch My Homework*. These fun poems take you from the bus into every room of the school. The situations are hilarious, believable, and very I-know-one-of-those-kids! The students enjoy participating into the Poems for Two Voices, even learning about subjects while they do.

ROYAL/Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium

This is a sequel to *Somebody Catch My Homework*. As in the previous volume, this is a fun and rollicking group of poems spoofing school. Each poem will have the kids giggling and nodding their heads in agreement with the topic of the poem. Colorful and hilarious artwork add to the humor of the book. This one is a sure winner for your library collection.