

## **The Desert**

Desert, oh desert, you are home to many creatures.

The cactus is only one of your many features.

You're mostly dry with rocks and sand, but you have many plants, too.

All the critters that live in you have so much stuff to do.

Jack rabbits hop high off the ground,

while rattlesnakes slither around.

Bobcats and mountain lions sleep all day and hunt all night,

while big, quiet owls fly in the dark and out of sight.

Some people think of deserts and think only of sand,

But I know the desert is a wonderful land.

My desert, you are perfect, in every single way.

I am glad that I get to live here, and I am here to stay.

By Isabella Meza

First Place Winner for Gr. 2

Overall Winner for Grades K-3