



# The Children's Rights Interest Group of Niagara

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## Sample 2009 National Child Day poem submissions

### Children's Rights

Andrew  
St. Kevin School, Gr. 8

Children grow, children know,  
Children have rights and shouldn't fight,  
Children need love, children give love,  
Children should be treated fairly,  
Children shouldn't work  
They should have fun  
Imagine the world like this,  
Everybody treated fairly,  
And every thing would be great  
But in our world children are beaten and bruised each  
day because of child labour,  
Make a stand fight for the children,  
Give them there rights,  
So they don't fight,  
Give them a loving family, with food and shelter  
So the children don't have to go through this,  
Make a stand so the children don't,  
So try to change our world away from slavery

### The Right to Participate

Nicholas  
Mathews School, Gr. 7

Everyone has the right to take part.  
Everyone can share what they want.  
Kids can express with freedom.  
We all deserve to have these rights.  
No one should ruin another's thought.  
Everyone shall respect another's view.  
Even if we believe it isn't right.  
We all should have a taste of freedom  
No one shall see the feeling of fear or shame.  
Of all of these people in the world,  
Not all have the wonders of freedom and their  
**Right to participate**

### Poem

Rebecca  
St. Kevin, Gr. 8

Every child has a right  
to have a loving family

Every child has a right  
to have fun and be a kid

Every child has a right  
to have food and shelter

Every child has a right  
to have friends

Every child has a right  
to express their ideas and feelings

Every child has a right  
to live in a clean environment

And most of all...  
Every child has a right to be free

### Our rights

Mathew  
Mathews School, Gr.7/8

We have the right for freedom  
We have the right to have fun  
We have the right to have a shelter  
We have the right for a good education  
We have the right for food  
We have the right for clothes  
Children have the rights  
For all of these right  
All children should  
Even if you don't live where I do

## Rights

Lexi

Mathews School, Gr. 8

**O**ur views known in decisions that affect us.  
**U** are known for the inside not the outside.  
**R**elate to our situations and be polite.  
**R**espect the rights and reputations of others.  
**I** have the right to participate.  
**G**o along with the things you want to do.  
**H**ave the strength to believe in yourself.  
**T**hank the ones you love.  
**S**elf respect.

## Children's Rights

Christian

St. Kevin School, Gr. 8

Children are, beaten, children are bruised,  
But somehow they are put into men's shoes

When the work all their life, with no food nor drink,  
It makes you just want to sit there and think

About how good we have it, and how they do not  
And how we should help them, more often than not

And why things are different, between us and for them  
And how we have food and a roof over our head

All children should play, be loved and be free  
But I guess that maybe humans don't see

That what is a caring human, just like themselves  
Is now a slave, who is forced to help

That is why we should care  
Because this happens here, and right over there

And we know that this isn't right  
And we have to put it, in front of everyone's eyes

## Untitled

Niki-Ann

Mathews School, Gr. 8

Our lives have reason, and we must be heard.  
Understand our needs, and listen when we're concerned.  
Relate to our situations and be patient.

Respect our choices and give support.  
If it's about us, include us.  
Greet our conscience and religion with respect, even if you disagree.  
Having a voice is special, and we will not abuse it.  
There will no longer be silent comments lingering in our brains.

Thoughts are ours, and ours only.  
Our opinions shall be heard if we are to agree.

Privacy is what we need in order to feel comfortable at all times.  
Allow us to express ourselves by media or word of mouth.  
Real emotions are what we must share.  
Try to incorporate us in where we belong.  
Invasions on our privacy is something we should be free of.  
Concentrate on my face, my voice, my needs, and listen attentively.  
I will always be free from attacks on my reputation and honour.  
Patience is KEY.  
Always be there to support our decisions, even if we're wrong.  
There will only be peace and relief.  
Exercise our rights in an appropriate manner.