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Creative Communications from Logan, Utah, publishes an anthology called, A Celebration of Young Poets. Less than fifty percent of the poems submitted are selected to be published. Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School in Coventry had sixty-six Grade 6 students whose poems were published. Last year forty-six Gr. 6 Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School students had poems published. The list of students that have been accepted to be published this year represents talent, hard work, and dedication from both the teachers and students. Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School teachers who were involved in this project include Laura Myslinski, Jeff Spivey, Adrienne Manzone, Carla Kennedy, and Judy Ripp. In judging thousands of poems each year, judges have found that the single most important factor in creating a quality poem is the quality of the instruction. Creative Communications has found that schools with excellent language arts programs have a much higher percentage of their students' poetry accepted.