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FOX GRAPES AND SAND PLUMS

by *Priscilla Johnson*

Summertime is
A time for fruit with
Hot days making
The fruit sugar sweet.

First the fruit is an underripe green and
Sun-kissed yellow;
Then it turns
Purple dark and blood red
To let us pickers know it's ripe.

Our mouths water in anticipation
Of that first bite.
The pickers soon realize
That they have been beguiled by
The turning of the fruit.

We know this fruit
Needs the touch of
Grandma's hand
To bring out the best in
Fox Grape Jelly
And Sand Plum Jam. ■

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THAT SPECIAL SEASON

by *Pat Kourt*

Most people will agree that there is excitement and anticipation about the beginning of each school year. Whether it takes place in August or in September, Back-to-School is just like marking a season. Its advent floods radio, television, and periodical commercials like the return of Ol' Man River or spring baseball. Going back to school becomes the main topic to begin almost every conversation for people of all ages and backgrounds. Teachers are quizzed at every turn with: "Have you got the days counted?" "Are you ready for school to start?"

Believe it or not, teachers get a little queasy and have a few restless nights planning classroom strategies and praying there will be solutions to the problems they are anticipating for the coming school year. Teachers might see each student as a special child who germinates in the heat of summer, progresses through the frost of fall, withstands the bitter cold of winter, and awakens to a freshness of spring to be delivered to the next grade in school.

It is safe to say that some students cause more pain than others as they journey through the nine months! The excitement of teaching and learning is always part of life. ■

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