



## **Bondar Challenge Artist's Statement**

**Name:** Amelia

**Age:** 8

**School Name:** J.J. O'Neill Catholic School

**Title of My Photograph:** *The Popping Seed*

**Weather:** sunny

**Location:** Park

**Ecozone:** Mixwood Plains

**Main Type of Biome:** Mixed Forest/Fields

**Camera Model:** Fujifilm Finepix, handheld

**Mode:** Auto/Macro

**Lens:** Normal

### **Artist's Statement:**

My focal point is the milkweed seed. It really pops out against the green background. The seed is really small so I used the Macro setting to shoot my photo. I wanted to be able to see all the little hairs and the seed clearly. I like how white the fluff is where it comes out. There's a lot of fluff where it attaches to the seed.

Milkweed seeds are different from most other seeds because the fluff makes the seeds float around. My seed might get blown away and make more milkweed. This would be good because milkweed is food for Monarchs and other bugs. There aren't as many monarchs as there used to be, so we really want more milkweed.

To improve my photo I would like to move the acorn on the bottom corner. I didn't even see it until we were viewing my photograph! I think the acorn is distracting. It makes people look there instead of at my focal point.