2014 Children's Essay Contest

Essay Theme: What I liked about (title of book) and what I would change in it.

Contest Division: 1st-2nd Graders

3rd – 4th Graders 5th-6th Graders

Deadline: March 21, 2014 by 5:00 pm

Essay Rules and Guidelines:

(1) Select a book relating to this year's theme. Your books does not have to be from the library

- (2) Type or write (print) your own essay in English or Spanish on an 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Do not include pictures or illustrations. Typing should be in Times New Roman 12 point or a similar font or written legibly.
- (3) Length of Essay: 1st-2nd grade essays must be minimum 50 to maximum 100 words. 3rd-4th grade essays must be 100 to maximum 200 words. 5th-6th grade essays must be minimum 200 to maximum 300 words.
- (4) Names, address, phone number, school name, grade level, teachers name and number of words must be listed on back of each entry.
- (5) Essays must be submitted by March 21, 2014 by 5:00 pm. Essays may be submitted by bringing to the Children's Reference Desk at the McMinnville Public Library or by email. Emailed essays must have 2 pages: one for essay and one for contact information.
- (6) Essays will be judged by Friends of McMinnville Public Library based on ideas, content, creativity and originality.
- (7) Prizes will be awarded for each Contest Division in Spanish and English. First Place \$25 gift certificate; Second Place \$15 gift certificate; Third Place \$10 gift certificate.
- (8) Awards Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, 2014, in the McMinnville Public Library Carnegie Room. All contest entrants, family and friends are invited to join in the celebration. This year's presenter will be Stephanie Shaw, author of Bedtime in the Meadow and other stories.
- (9) If there are no submissions or submissions do not meet the judges expectations in an age category, no prize will be awarded in that category. Plagiarized works will be disqualified.

Core Curriculum Standards

Grade 1: EL.01.RE.28; EL.01.RE.29; EL.01.WR.03-05, EL.01.WR.14; RE.01.WR.27

Grade 2: EL.02.RE.28; EL.02.RE.29; EL.02.WR.03-05, EL.02.WR.14; RE.02.WR.27

Grade 3: EL.03.RE.28; EL.03.RE.29; EL.03.LI.06; EL.03.LI.12; EL.03.WR.01; EL.03.WR.28

Grade 4: EL.04.RE.02; EL.04.WR.04; EL.04.WR.12; EL.04.WR.23; EL.4.WR.24

Grade 5: EL.05.RE.06; EL.05.LI.01; EL.05.WR.04; EL.05.WR.05; EL.05.WR.25; EL.05.WR.27

Grade 6: EL.06.RE.06; EL.06.LI.01; EL.06.WR.04; EL.06.WR.05; EL.06.WR.25; EL.06.WR.27

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