

Mountain View Elementary School

Art and Writing Contest

LITERATURE RULES

Students must adhere to the general rules as well as the following Literature Rules

Description

Literature entries may be works of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry, and drama are all accepted.

Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. A well-developed concept is more important than technique.

Originality

Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed. **Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. This includes the use of copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material.**

Plagiarism is defined as taking and using another person's ideas or writings or inventions as one's own. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified and returned to the students.

Entry Form

All participants are required to fill out in its entirety and sign the **Entry Form**. Students who have not completely filled out the form will not be eligible to participate in the program. In a situation where the child cannot fill out the entry form or write legibly, a parent may sign his or her child's name.

Students have the option of placing the titles of their works on the Entry Form.

Judging

All school entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme. The judging is a blind process (identifying information is not seen by judges). Judges cannot be related to any student that attends Mt. View and must have had formal training &/or experience in the area they are judging.

Presentation

- Entries must not exceed 1000 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Number all pages.
- Illustrated entries, including "books", with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.
- Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- Format
 - Submit entries on any kind of paper, not to exceed 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches in size.
 - Do not mount entries
 - **Write the student's name on the back of each page in case pages become separated.**
- Collections of poems or short stories are not acceptable. A student may submit more than one work, but each one must be submitted separately.
- Place the Entry Form in a sheet protector and tape it (with masking tape) to the back of the photograph.

Assistance

Dictation and typing

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Students who are physically challenged or students in kindergarten or first grade may dictate to another person who may type or write down the original work.
- **Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.**

Translation

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own languages. An interpretive translation must accompany the entry.
- **Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.**

Optional Artist Statement

On the Official Entry Form, describe what inspired you to create this work.