

Mountain View Elementary School

Art and Writing Contest

VISUAL ARTS RULES

Students must adhere to the general rules as well as the following Visual Arts Rules

Description

A visual arts entry must be an original print, drawing, painting, collage or computer generated artwork that relates to the theme.

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 a 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 and must answer a few questions about how they created their works (see Required Information).

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

- All art must be flat and may not be more than 3/8 inch thick. This includes all two-dimensional materials and images, including small, flat items (such as string, fabric, and screening) that have maximum surface contact with the face of the image. Nothing three-dimensional (noodles, beans, beads, boxes, etc.) may extend off the surface of a work.
- No art may exceed 11 inches by 17 inches, including a mat.
- The participant may choose the type and color of the paper they would like to use.
- Place the Entry Form in a sheet protector and tape it (with masking tape) to the back of the artwork.

Works Not Accepted

- Sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, and other three-dimensional artwork.
- Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork.

Required Information

On the Entry Form, describe the media used in creating this piece (crayons, oil pastels, colored pencils, etc.)

Optional Artist Statement

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