

Rockledge Elementary

Write-A-Book 2002-03

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The Prince George's County Public Schools Write-A-Book competition provides an excellent opportunity to combine previously learned skills and creative talents. As students develop an idea into a plot, create characters and describe action, almost all of the skills necessary for functional reading and concise, sequential, and logical writing will be exercised. During editing and rewriting stages, students practice many higher-level thinking skills. Participation in the Write-A-Book competition is a way to provide experience in developing and coordinating writing and illustrating skills. This activity is an integral part of the total curriculum and develops skills being taught on a daily basis. Students write to inform, to persuade and to express personal ideas. Through this competition, students can become more proficient readers and writers, thereby broadening their scope of knowledge.

New This Year

All students in grades 4-6 at Rockledge must participate in the Write-A-Book project and will receive a classroom language arts grade. If a student wishes for his/her book to be entered in the county competition, all rules for that book type must be followed to the letter! These rules are detailed in this handout. Students in grades K-3 are encouraged to participate in a group book with their class.

Student Timeline for Write-A-Book

October 17, 2002	Write-A-Book packets distributed
October – November	Editing schedule worked out with classroom teacher
December 13	Completed books due
January, 2003	In-house reviews/judging
February, 2003	Qualifying books sent to county competition
Late Spring, 2003	County winners announced

Questions?? Call Mrs. Blohm, Write-A-Book Coordinator, (301) 805-2720

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WRITE-A-BOOK COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

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ELEMENTARY

There are Five Book Types

<p align="center">Type I Picture Story Book (Grades K-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illustrations on each page • limited or no text on each page • Minimum # of pages = 10 	<p align="center">Type II Illustrated Fiction (Grades K-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text with limited pictures • Maximum # of pictures = 5 • Minimum # of pages = 15 (including pictures) 	<p align="center">Type III Short Story (Grade 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1500-2000 word text • Cover illustrated only (no pictures in story)
<p align="center">Type IV Poetry (Grades K-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum # of pictures = 5 • Minimum # of pages = 10 (including pictures) 		<p align="center">Type V Non-Fiction (Grades K-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text with limited pictures and/or photographs • Minimum # of pages = 15 (including pictures)

The minimum and maximum number of pages does not include fly sheets, title page, author's biography or appendices

Each book submitted must meet the requirements of the type or it will not be entered.

<p>The two entry groups are:</p> <p>Individual Group (2-5 students)</p>	<p>The four entry divisions are:</p> <p>Elementary School Elementary/Middle (Combined schools) Middle School High School</p>
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Rules

1. Only books produced by students in Prince George's County Public Schools may be entered.
2. Books must be written during the present school year.
3. Any book produced by a group will be judged in the division to which the highest grade level belongs. A group consists of no less than two and no more than five students.
4. All stories and illustrations must be the original work of the student.
5. Any photographs (used in nonfiction category only) or artwork scanned into a Write-A-Book entry must be accompanied by the original photograph or artwork.
6. Text must be typed or hand-printed (legibly). No clip art permitted.
7. Foreign language entries will be accepted only if there is a clearly written and complete translation included on each page or as part of an appendix.
8. Books should contain no more than 30 **numbered pages** including illustrations/photographs. This total does not include translation, bibliography, footnote pages, title page, fly sheet, author's biography or appendices.
9. The size of the finished book may be no larger than 10" by 12" and no smaller than 5" by 8".
10. Student must securely bind books with hard-back covers (for example, corrugated cardboard or foam board). No commercial type bindings, folders, photograph albums, rings, or loose-leaf bindings will be accepted.
11. Photographs are permitted in the nonfiction category only, and must be mounted or scanned. If photographs are scanned, original photographs must accompany the book. If a biographical sketch is included with the book, a photograph of the author may be included. The author must not appear in any other photographs. Photographs must have been taken by the author.
12. All books that do not follow all of the rules of the competition will be returned to the student/school without being judged.
13. The decision of the judges will be final.

SCORING TOOLS FOR ALL BOOK TYPES

(JUDGING POINTS)

Elementary & Secondary

Type I – Picture Story Book

STORY (30 points)		
Well-defined plot or theme		20 points
Proper grammar, spelling, punctuation		10 points
ILLUSTRATIONS (50 points)		
Originality and creativity		20 points
Artistic composition		20 points
Appropriateness to text		10 points
COVER (10 points)		
Creativity		5 points
Appearance		5 points
BINDING (10 points)		
Neatness		10 points

Type II – Illustrated Fiction

STORY (60 points)		
Originality		10 points
Well-defined plot or theme		30 points
Character development		10 points
Proper grammar, spelling, punctuation		10 points
ILLUSTRATIONS (20 points)		
Originality and creativity		10 points
Artistic composition		5 points
Appropriateness to text		5 points
COVER (10 points)		
Creativity		5 points
Appearance		5 points
BINDING (10 points)		
Neatness		10 points

Type III – Short Story

STORY (80 points)	
Originality	10 points
Well-defined plot or theme	30 points
Character development	30 points
Proper grammar, spelling, punctuation	10 points
COVER (10 points)	
Creativity	5 points
Appearance	5 points
BINDING (10 points)	
Neatness	10 points

Type IV – Poetry

POEMS (60 points)	
Originality	25 points
Creativity	25 points
Appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation	10 points
ILLUSTRATIONS (20 points)	
Originality	10 points
Creativity	5 points
Appropriateness to text	5 points
COVER (10 points)	
Creativity	5 points
Appearance	5 points
BINDING (10 points)	
Neatness	10 points

Type V – Nonfiction

Text (60 points)	
Consistency of text to theme	40 points
Proper grammar, spelling, punctuation	10 points
Footnotes/bibliography	10 points
Please Note: If it is autobiographical in nature:	
Consistency of text to theme	50 points
Proper grammar, punctuation, spelling	10 points
ILLUSTRATIONS (20 points)	
Originality	10 points
Creativity	5 points
Appropriateness to text	5 points
COVER (10 points)	
Creativity	5 points
Appearance	5 points
BINDING (10 points)	
Neatness	10 points

**PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO INDICATE
WHICH TYPE OF BOOK YOU WROTE**

(See Write-A-Book Handout for Type Descriptions)

Fill out this form and tuck it inside the front cover of your finished book before handing it in to your teacher. DO NOT glue or tape this form into the book!

_____ I. Picture Story Book

_____ II. Illustrated Fiction

_____ III. Short Story

_____ IV. Poetry

_____ V. Nonfiction



Student's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

Grade _____