

2014-2015 GRADES 3-5 POETRY CONTEST

GUIDELINES

- Poems must be *original* creations reflecting the thoughts, ideas, and/or musings of ACPS students in grades 3-5 during the 2014-2015 school year. **Please talk to students about plagiarism.**
- Only one poem per student may be submitted.
- Any form of poetry may be submitted; there is no specific theme, but each poem **must have** a title (The title *Untitled* is an acceptable title).
- Only one side of one page may be used.
- **All poems must be typed and submitted electronically.**
- **The student's name, grade, teacher, and school (in this order please) need to be typed on the poem, centered at bottom. Please refrain from including graphics.**
- Poems shall be judged at the school level by at least **two** different teachers using the ACPS Poetry Contest Criteria Checklist.
- Each elementary school will select one poem as the school winner and a winning poem for each grade, (3, 4, and 5); **four poems total**.
- **Please do not announce winning poems and/or the student authors until poems are verified by Anne Booth and Suzanne Lank.** Each previous year, at least one poem submitted as "original," was later found to be on the web or in a book. Dr. Booth will send a permission slip/release for the winning poems once they are verified.
- **Selected poems should be sent electronically to Anne Booth anne.booth@acps.k12.va.us any time prior to but not later than June 11, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m.**
- Poems submitted by schools will be judged by the Elementary Poet Laureate Selection Committee, which will select one division winner (to be named as the **Elementary Poet Laureate**) and three grade-level winners (to be named **Exemplary Poets**).

The **13 school-level winners**, the **three division winners (Exemplary Poets)** for grades 3-5, and the **Elementary Poet Laureate** will receive invitations to the Poetry Celebration and reception on **June 17, 2015**.

Due to space and time limitations, schools' grade-level winners cannot be recognized at the Poetry Celebration. Dr. Booth will send each school's grade-level winners a certificate and a copy of this year's anthology before the close of the school year.

ACPS 3rd – 5th GRADE POETRY CONTEST CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Please rate each poem using this checklist and add the points earned. (35 pts. total)

Poem Title _____ Grade _____

_____ The poem impacts the reader by conveying a message, feeling, or image. (15 pts.)

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