



**Young Authors' Contest  
Hammond Elementary School  
2021 - 2022**



**Who:** Students in Grades 1 - 5

**What:** Write a poem or short story

- ⇒ Each entry must be **original work** written within the last year by a single author. Each entry may not have been previously submitted to this contest.
- ⇒ Peers or adults may provide editing assistance (spelling, punctuation, etc.), but revisions should be student-generated, and the final product must be the student's own work.
- ⇒ All entries must use no less than **12-point font** in **Times New Roman**. All entries must be emailed as a **Microsoft Word Document**.
- ⇒ Short story entry must range between **100-400** words (gr. 1-2) and **300-800** words (gr. 3-5).
- ⇒ Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, and must range between **25-150** words.
- ⇒ Students may submit to both categories of poetry and short story, if desired.
- ⇒ Entries must **not** include graphics.
- ⇒ All entries must include a **completed cover sheet** signed by the **parent** and submitted as a separate **PDF file**. Parental verification may also be confirmed via a digital signature.
- ⇒ Entries avoid bias against any group of people and should include school-appropriate topics.

**DEADLINE:**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO YOUR  
SCHOOL'S CHAIRPERSONS:**

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**BY JANUARY 24, 2022**

**ONE winner PER category PER school will advance to county-level judging.**

***BEST OF LUCK!***