



WELLS-OGUNQUIT C.S.D.
*LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS
2019*

Dear Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students,

We would like to clarify the expectations for your child's entry in the Literary Achievement Award Contest. There are always questions about a child's inventive spelling and how much editing is permitted while maintaining the integrity of the author's own work. Each entry must have a cover sheet signed by the child's teacher, verifying that the entry represents the student's original work and ideas. Unsigned entries will not be judged.

It is difficult to stipulate precisely what level of parental involvement is acceptable, but we will attempt to convey the expectations in order to make the 2019 Literary Achievement Awards program fair to all our participants.

We want your child's entry to be his or her best work. It can be produced at home, or at school. We hope he or she will produce a submission of publishable quality. The top pieces of writing will be published on the District's website for access by the community.

- 1) The words must be put down on paper (either by hand or on computer) ***by your child***. Judging will be based on the literary content, ***not on the illustrations***. Please do not include any type of photograph, as they can be identifiable. The child's name should not appear in the entry, or on the paper.
- 2) A teacher or parent may "translate" inventive spelling above or below the student's work to facilitate the judges' ability to read inventive spelling.
- 3) Students word-processing their work are allowed to utilize "spell check" and "grammar check" programs. The grade-level expectations for K, 1 and 2 students will allow for grammatical and syntactical mistakes. (Judges will not expect correct punctuation at this grade level.)

We hope this information will help you to understand the parameters of the annual Literary Achievement Awards program. We look forward to receiving many wonderful entries from the Wells Elementary School kindergarten, first and second grade students. Cover sheets are available from your teacher, or on the District's website: <https://k12wocsd.net>. The deadline for entries is **Friday, March 1**. If you have specific questions, please contact us at 646-5953 x 4204 or by e-mail.

Sincerely,

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