



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

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 2016 Literary Achievement Awards program fair to all our participants.

We want your child's entry to be his or her best work. 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. The student writings may be edited by our anthology editor prior to publication, but only after judging.

- 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 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 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. If you have specific questions, please contact us at 646-5953 x 4204 or by e-mail.

Sincerely,

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