

Alton School District

Young Authors' Celebration of Writing 2017-18

The Alton School District is continuing the tradition of celebrating our Young Authors. Students are invited to put their creativity to paper over the next few months and all student books will be collected by January 19, 2018.

Please see criteria for books on the back of this form, and more detailed information is available at altonschools.org under the Parents tab.

(If you prefer a printout of the online information, return the form below to your child's teacher by Oct. 30, 2017.)

Listed below are school representatives.

Please call your child's school for additional information.

Eunice Smith, 463-2077: Brenda Powers

Gilson Brown, 463-2175: Cathy Johnson, Melissa Sharpe or Kristina Mandrell

Lewis & Clark, 463-2177: Erin Dooling

Lovejoy, 463-2057: Jamie Landry

North, 463-2171: Heather Hall, Tonya Steed or Sarah Boyd

West, 463-2134: Melissa King

East, 463-2130: Sarah Schmidt

MAC, 463-2063: Keegan Bennett

All participating students will be recognized at their school. Committees at each school will review all books based on the criteria. Some students will also be selected to represent their school at our district Young Authors' Celebration on March 15. A few authors of exemplar books will be chosen to represent our district at the Madison County Young Authors' Conference on April 28, 2018.

ACUSD #11 YOUNG AUTHOR PACKET REQUEST FORM:

Packets are available at altonschools.org, under the Parent tab. If you prefer a printed copy of the information, please return this slip to your child's teacher by October 30.

SCHOOL: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT GRADE: _____ STUDENT TEACHER: _____

Criteria for Young Authors

The book must be original and must be the student's own work. Younger students may dictate their story but the story must be in their own words. We can only acknowledge one student author/illustrator per book.

Books should contain:

Covers on both front and back. The front cover must include the title and the author's name. An illustration is a nice touch but is optional.

Title Page: Should include title of the book, the author's full name, the teacher's name, the student's grade, and the student's school.

Dedication Page: This is optional but is a nice touch.

Table of content: This is for longer chapter books.

Text: This is the student's story and may or may not include illustrations.

About the Author Page: This is information about the author and may include a picture.

Book length suggestions:

Grades K-2: three or more pages.

Grades 3-4: four or more pages.

Grades 5-6: five or more pages.

Grades 7-8: seven or more pages.

A fictional story should have these things:

Characters: People, animals, or creatures involved in the story.

Plot: What happens? A situation or a problem to be solved.

Setting: Where and when the action happens.

Climax: The point of highest interest or emotion in the story.

Resolution: The part of the plot-representing the final outcome.

A non-fiction story should have accurate information relating to the topic.

Attention to details:

Proofing: Check spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Neatness: Check penmanship and quality of illustrations. Primary students' handwriting is fine.

Please reach out to your school's Young Author Teacher Representative early if you have questions about these criteria or if you would like another adult to proof read the book. Authors are known to consult with others when writing a book. Remember to plan ahead. Books take time and effort, so expect to do some extra work on this project

Books are due to the school representative by Friday, January 19, 2018. Be sure to turn your book in on time to be considered for recognition at the school, district and county events.