

Alton School District

Young Authors' Celebration of Writing 2018-19

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 18, 2019.

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. 31, 2018.)

*Listed below are school representatives.
Please call your child's school for additional information.*

Eunice Smith, 463-2077: Brenda Powers
Gilson Brown, 463-2175: Melissa Sharpe and Kristina Mandrell
Lewis & Clark, 463-2177: Erin Dooling
Lovejoy, 463-2057: Jamie Landry
North, 463-2171: Tonya Steed and Sarah Boyd
West, 463-2134: Melissa King, Denise Stidd, Julie Gorsage, Stacy Curry,
Stacie Phelps and Karen Gross
East, 463-2130: Sarah Schmidt and Bev Clayton
Mark Twain, 463-2063: Keegan Bennett and Samantha Take
Alton Middle School, 474-2200: Kimberly Wilson and Jen Tepen

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 Author's Celebration on March 14th. A few authors of exemplar books will be chosen to represent our district at the Madison County Young Authors Conference on April 27, 2019.

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 31st.

SCHOOL: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT GRADE: _____ STUDENT TEACHER _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

Young Authors Criteria

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: This 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 a nice addition.

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 actions happens.

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

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

A nonfiction 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 Authors 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 18, 2019. Be sure to turn your book in on time to be considered for recognition at the school, district and county events.