



Language Arts (Presented by Elian Mota): Aditi N.

A good writer isn't just one thing; there isn't a single quality that makes a writer good, and there isn't just one kind of good writer. Some writers exhibit a natural knack for mechanics which makes their sentences easy to understand and flow like a summer river even though their language might be less than flowery. Some writers are adept at the turn of phrase, at metaphor and imagery which paint their words lovely in our minds even when there might be a comma out of place. Some writers have such a strong voice that you can hear them as if they were perched on your shoulder reciting the words you are reading. Some writers have ideas so brilliant or funny or entertaining that you don't care about the clichés and typos peppered across the pages. This 8th grade class is full of good writers of all kinds. One of them, however, is not just a good writer. One of them is THE good writer, that creature of unicornian rarity that contains all the goods that most writers only possess one or two of. This student's writing is mechanically flawless, beautiful in its imagery and expression, thoughtful in its exploration, accurate in its exposition, wise in its philosophy. Finally, all of these qualities are not simply passive possessions; this student works for these qualities in their writing, and that is perhaps what I admire most about them. It is my honor to present the Language Arts award to Aditi N.