

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



The Literacy Department of Curriculum & Instruction presents...

THERE IS
ALWAYS LIGHT.

ONLY IF WE ARE
BRAVE ENOUGH
TO SEE IT.



ONLY IF WE ARE
BRAVE ENOUGH
TO BE IT.

— AMANDA GORMAN

EXPRESS YOURSELF POETRY CONTEST

SCS 4th and 5th grade students are invited to write one original poem of 100 words or less in any form. It could be free verse, an ode, or an acrostic, to name a few types of poetry. The “original” part is key. That means it has to be entirely your work — not copied from a classmate, a book, or the Internet.

Students are encouraged to explore poetry as a means of expression. Therefore, students should feel free to let their thoughts and creativity flow. The topic of the poem could be about feelings, friendship, nature, experiences during the pandemic or other experiences students wish to express.

A panel of judges will select the top 3 poems. Entries will be judged on creativity and form. The teachers of the writers of the chosen poems will be notified by June 7th via email.

PRIZES

3 Grand Prize Winners: Classroom teachers share their class poems and both students and teachers could win big!!!

Student Prizes:

- Engraved Plaque
- Journal and Pen Set
- Poetry Book

Teacher Prizes:

- \$50 Office Depot Gift Certificate
- Poetry Instructional Resource: *Teaching Children to Write Great Poetry* By Hazel Bennett

CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to SCS students in the 4th and 5th grade.
- Poems must be submitted by the teacher to CI_ELA_Team@scs12.org. Poems may be submitted as an attachment or scanned.
- All submissions must include the following:
 - Student's full name and grade
 - Teacher's full name and SCS email address
 - School name
- Teachers may submit only one poem per student and no more than 3 poems per class (pick your top 3).
- Poems must be original (not copied from a book, the Internet or anywhere else) and not previously published.
- Poems can be illustrated, but that is not required.
- Entries will be judged on creativity and form.
- Each poem should have a title and should not be longer than 100 words.
- **Deadline for submissions is May 31st.** Please email CI_ELA_Team@scs12.org with any questions.

SUPPLEMENTAL POETRY INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

- 4th Grade [Wonders Unit 4 Genre Study 3 and Unit 6 Genre Study 3](#)
- 5th Grade [Wonders Unit 4 Genre Study 3 and Unit 6 Genre Study 3](#)
- Common Poetic Devices: <https://www.scholastic.com/poetryismypower/pdfs/DigitalLessonWorksheet1.pdf>