



**YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST:
Be More With Words**



Enter: Monday, February 11 – Wednesday, April 3, 2013

(Entries must be postmarked by April 3)

KPTS Young Authors Contest: Be More With Words

320 W. 21st Street North, Wichita, KS 67203

Entry Form/Rules/Prizes • Kindergarten – Second Grade

Please type or print legibly

Student's Name _____ Age _____

Student's Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Circle Grade: Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade Gender: F M

Title of Story _____

Word Count _____

(The word count includes "a," "an," & "the.")

Word Count Range Per Story:

(Kindergarten • minimum 50 - maximum 200) (1st Grade • minimum 100 - maximum 300)

(2nd Grade • minimum 200 - maximum 400)

Illustration Count _____

Illustration Range Per Story

(Kindergarten minimum 4) (1st Grade minimum 5) (2nd Grade minimum 6)

Only one entry per student • Only single author stories (no co-authors) • Story must be student's original work • Use only one side of 8½" x 11" paper • Original art may include drawings, paintings, collages, 3-D using paints, inks, crayons, markers, and cut paper • Story may be fact or fiction • Text must be printed/written legibly or typed • Story text may be on pages with illustrations or on separate pages •

Number each page on the back

I acknowledge that I have read the Contest rules and regulations prior to signing this and that I understand the rules.

Required:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Email _____

Mailing Address (If different than child's) _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

School Information:

School Name/Home School _____

Teacher Name _____ Email Address _____

School Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ School Phone (____) _____

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Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be in kindergarten, first or second grade.
- Entries must be postmarked by April 3, 2013.
- Children of KPTS Employees, Trustees, Community Advisory Board members and the judges are not eligible.
- To be eligible, an entrant must reside in one of the following counties: Sedgwick, Reno, Harvey, Butler, Sumner, Harper, Kingman, Pratt, McPherson, Marion, Rice, Barton, Saline, Ellsworth, Stafford, Barber or Cowley.
- Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify ineligible entries.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted; all subsequent entries will be disqualified.
- Only single-author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Stories can be fact or fiction.
- Any failure to adhere to these Contest Rules may result in disqualification from the contest.
- No purchase is necessary.

Word Count

- Kindergarten stories must have a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 200 words.
- First Grade stories must have a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 300 words.
- Second Grade stories must have a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 400 words.
- "A," "an" and "the" ARE included in the word count. Words on non-story pages such as the title page or those that enhance the illustrations are NOT included.
- Text must be printed or written legibly or typed on only one side of the paper.
- Students who cannot write may dictate their story to be printed, written legibly or typed.
- Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on separate pages.
- Non-English text must be translated on the same page and the translation text must adhere to the word count.
- Invented spelling is accepted.

Format & Illustrations

- Kindergarten stories must have at least 4 original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- First Grade stories must have at least 5 original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- Second Grade stories must have at least 6 original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- Original art can include drawings, paintings, collages, and 3-D using paints, inks, crayons, markers, and cut paper.
- Stories must be created on only **one side of 8½" x 11" paper**.
- *Each page must be numbered on the back.*

Official Entry Form

Each entry must include the official **KPTS Young Authors Contest: Be More With Words Entry Form**, with the required signature of a parent/guardian (and, if appropriate, the optional signature of the sponsoring teacher), confirming that the story and art are original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials. The entry form must be complete and legible.

Judging, Awards and Notification

Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression, storytelling and integration of text and illustrations. All decisions of the judges are final and not subject to appeal or review. Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received. Winners will be notified in **April 2013**. Winning entries may be aired on **KPTS** and on-line at www.kpts.org. Prizes shall be awarded to the top three entries from each grade level and they include:

1st Place: One Year Membership to Mark Kistler's Video Art Academy (over 300 on-line video and animated art lessons) and a KPTS 2013 Kids Club Membership

2nd Place: Summer Learning Adventure Class at the Sedgwick County Zoo

3rd Place: \$50 Gift Certificate to Watermark Books

A pizza party provided by Domino's, framed certificate, art kit, and sketch book will also be provided to the top three winners in each age category. Each winner will also have an opportunity to come to the **KPTS** Studio to tape their story and have it shown on-air and on-line. **KPTS** reserves the right to substitute any prize for a prize of equal or greater value, at the sole discretion of **KPTS**. Prizes are non-transferable.

Return of Entries

KPTS will make every effort, but is not required, to return entries only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of an appropriate size. **KPTS** is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete or illegible entries, or postage-due mail.

Rights Associated with Contest

Submission of the Entry Form constitutes permission for **KPTS** to use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information, information and materials contained in the Entry Form, photographs, and any statements or remarks made about the Contest in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. All entries, and any copyrights therein, become the sole property of **KPTS**. By entering, entrants agree to abide by the above stated rules, and warrant that their entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party, and grant to **KPTS** the right to edit, publish, promote, and otherwise use their entry materials without permission, notice or compensation. No royalties will be paid at this or any time.

By submitting an Entry Form, each participant (and parent or guardian) assigns all right, title, and interest in and to the entry and Entry Form to **KPTS** and warrants that the participant (and parent or guardian) have the authority to assign such right, title, and interest. In the event that any applicable law requires certain formalities to be fulfilled to effectuate such grant of rights, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with **KPTS** to achieve fulfillment of such formalities.

By submitting an Entry Form, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to be bound by these Contest Rules. Each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to release and hold **KPTS**, and its employees, trustees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, representatives, subsidiaries, parent companies, or other affiliated companies harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims, liabilities, and attorney fees arising out of participation in the Contest or resulting from acceptance or claiming of any prize hereunder. **KPTS** reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate, suspend or otherwise cancel the Contest at any time. Income and all other taxes are the responsibility of the prize recipient. **KPTS** is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the contest.