

## **Inspirations Art Program**

### **General Rules**

Every child can submit one entry for each of the nine categories, so every child could have nine different entries. Each entry must be accompanied by an Inspirations Entry Form.

All participants are required to fill out, in its entirety, and sign the Inspirations' Entry Form (these will be available the beginning of January). Students who have not completely filled out the form will not be eligible for the program. In situations where a student cannot fill out the entry form or write legibly, a parent can fill out the form and sign her/his child's name.

Each entry must be the original work of one student only. They may not have assistance from teachers, parents, or friends unless there is a special case (such as for someone with a visual or physical disability). Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed.

All the entries must be original works. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Do not borrow from copyrighted material. Plagiarism is defined as taking and using another person's ideas or writings or inventions as one's own. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified and returned to the student.

Entries must be related to the yearly theme. This year's theme is "I Can Brighten the World by....". There is no wrong way to interpret the theme.

Entries must comply with the General Inspirations Rules as well as the corresponding category rules. Please refer to the individual category rules before submitting an entry to ensure compliance. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Pratt or you can email the committee chair, Angela Barney at [childrenreadforfun@yahoo.com](mailto:childrenreadforfun@yahoo.com).

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO INTERPRETATION OF THE THEME, CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY, AND ARTISTIC MERIT.

### **WORKS NOT ACCEPTED**

\*Artwork that is inappropriate or contains any objectionable material.

\*Reproductions and enlargements of another artwork.

\*Plagiarized works.

\*Paint by number or art kits.

### **AGE DIVISIONS**

Students are divided into 4 groups based on grade. Each group will be judged on the ability level expected at each level. The groups are:

Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

6<sup>th</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

## **CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Visual Art:**

\*Any original artwork no more than 1/2" thick (if the artwork extends more than 1/2" past the surface it's created on, then it would be considered an entry for the 3-D Art category).

\*There is no size limit.

\*Mount on a sturdy mat or paper. DO NOT USE FRAMES (Canvas stretched over a wooden frame is not considered a frame.)

Examples include pencil, charcoal, ink, colored pencil, pastels, chalk, crayon, serigraphs, linoleum cuts, woodcuts, collage, vegetable prints, tempera, oil, acrylic, watercolor, paint a T-shirt or other fabric, metal etching or punch work, and sand painting. This list is not definitive.

### **Photography:**

\*Any original photographic artwork.

\*Mount entry on a mat, poster board, or a sturdy paper – NO FRAMES.

\*There is no size limit.

\*Collage may be utilized.

\*No photo alterations of any kind including, but not limited to Photoshop or other photo editing software/websites.

Examples include prints, black and white or color, photo gram, montage, photo collage, and multiple exposures. This list is not definitive.

### **Musical Composition:**

\*Any original musical composition.

\*Record and submit on CD or thumb drive.

\*No longer than 5 minutes and no shorter than 1 minute.

\*No notation is required, just make a recording.

\*MIDI software is not allowed.

"Examples include drums, guitar, piano (or any instrument, including made-up instruments, are all acceptable), digital/electronic music, acapella, and beat-boxing. This list is not definitive."

**Theatre:**

- \*Any original theatre works.
- \*Students may or may not perform, but must do all other work: write script, direct, create optional costumes and scenery by themselves. No group effort.
- \*Submit a DVD or thumb drive. You must start the image after 5 seconds of black.
- \*No longer than 5 minutes and no less than 1 minute.

Examples include monologue, one act, storytelling, puppetry, and mime. This list is not definitive.

**Literature:**

- \*Any original creation using words.
- \*Typed or legibly handwritten on an 8 ½ by 11 paper.
- \*No more than 2,000 words.
- \*Two copies must be submitted.
- \*Grade-appropriate grammar and punctuation (no parental editing).

Examples include a story, poem, biography, autobiography, an interview, and an essay. This list is not definitive.

**3-D Art:**

- \*Any original artwork greater than 1/2" thick.
- \*No limit on size.
- \*Submit the actual artwork.
- \*No kits or precast are acceptable. It must be original work only.
- \*3-D entries will only be accepted on the due date. Bring the actual project and CD of the photos.

Examples include jewelry, wind chimes, mobiles, kites, collages, dioramas, ceramics, clay sculpture, rock art, play dough, wood working, metal soldering, stained glass, junk art, mosaics, toothpicks, and popsicle sticks. This list is not definitive.

**Film/Video:**

- \*Any original film/video/computer-generated creation with or without sound.
- \*No longer than 5 minutes and no shorter than 1 minute.

\*Submit on a DVD or thumb drive. Start the image after 5 seconds of black.

\*The STUDENT is filming the action – the student is NOT the action. Someone else is not filming the student doing something, i.e., a piano recital.

Examples include Claymation, stop motion, animation from drawings, live action, computer generated, narrative, documentary, fiction, or nonfiction. This list is not definitive.

### **Choreography/Dance:**

\*Any original choreographed movement performance.

\* Student may or may not perform, but they must do all other work: create costumes (not required) and choreograph the dance.

\*Submit a video on a DVD or thumb drive. Start the image after 5 seconds of black.

\*No longer than 5 minutes and no shorter than 1 minute.

Examples include ballet, clogging, modern dance, ballroom dance, or karate. This list is not definitive.

### **Digital Art:**

\*Any original digital artwork.

\*There is no size limit.

\*Mount on a sturdy mat or paper. DO NOT USE FRAMES.

Examples include photo painting, digital collage, algorithmic/fractals (completed on computer), digital paintings, 3D programs, any form of computer manipulated imagery, photos altered through computer means. This list is not definitive.