

Sample Cover Page:



Note:

Only Students from School Districts #83 & # 22 are eligible.

Year of Birth: Top right hand corner of page. Year Only

(Centre of Page)

**Title: Written on story or poem and on cover page
(Try for a unique title)**

Name Soon Famous

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 Creative City
 I2W4U2 (I too write for you too)

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School (or home school) optional (but helpful)

*****Two Important notes*****

- 1) Please do not write your name on your poem or story.**
- 2) Incorrect or inadequate cover pages or will be disqualified.**

Suggestions for better stories or poems:

- 1) Read the poem or story aloud and listen for the flow.
- 2) Check the story for the word “is”. Too many might mean a need for better action verbs.
- 3) Do not use your name as one of the characters when writing for a contest.
- 4) In a story there’s usually an opening, a description of characters—with different techniques— some kind of action, problem, mystery, question, and then an ending that solves the problem.

For example: A description of a dog, a wonderful day, and meeting friends while walking the dog, wouldn’t be as truly a story as, perhaps, the dog getting lost and found, or that dog helping to find a lost friend. (OK... the dog idea is just an example.)

- 6) Poems are usually better with fewer well-thought-out words.

All authors write and re-write their work dozens of times. Good writers read and write regularly. The only way to write well is to keep writing.

Deadline: March 17, 2011. Only those who enter will receive recognition.

There's no fee, there's nothing to lose. To gain:

- 1) Pride and knowledge of completion.**
- 2) Understanding the requirements of a competition.**
- 3) A good story or poem for your personal collection.**

To those who receive a prize we'll say congratulations. If your name appears on the board of those who competed, we'll also say congratulations. Many will not try. You can.