

CONGRATULATIONS WRITING CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following students who were winners in our Creative Writing Contest! These entries will all be published in an Award Winners Collection book and released at a book signing party in March. Pre-order your copy **by February 4** and save on shipping costs! Use the order form on our web site at www.gapagt.org.

3rd GRADE POETRY

1st Place:

Abigayle Gerber	3 rd Grade	Hillside Academy	“Weather”
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Honorable Mention:

Jackson Dublin	3 rd Grade	Armstrong Elementary	“The Weird Lego Poem”
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3rd GRADE FICTION

1st Place:

Megan Pitcock	3 rd Grade	Armstrong Elementary	“My 10 Wishes”
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4th GRADE POETRY

1st Place:

Lucas Sanders	4 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Thanksgiving Poem”
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2nd Place:

MacKensie Williams	4 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Sympathy”
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Honorable Mention:

Jesus Ruiz	4 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Poem”
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4th GRADE NON-FICTION

1st Place:

Kaitlyn Grigsby	4 th Grade	Armstrong Elementary	“Cart-tastrophe”
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2nd Place:

Jacqueline Manessier	4 th Grade	Walnut Glen Academy	“The Amazing Trip”
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Honorable Mention: (tie)

Liam Taylor	4 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Down in New Orleans”
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Trevor Stewart	4 th Grade	Armstrong Elementary	“I survived the titan”
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4th GRADE FICTION

1st Place:

Dylan deSosa	4 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Bill the Duck”
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2nd Place:

Landon Sweat	4 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Recycling Rocks”
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Honorable Mention:

Khoa Pham	4 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Spooky Story”
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5th GRADE POETRY

1st Place:

Danna Capetillo	5 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Stream”
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2nd Place: (tie)

Rebecca Lamb	5 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Loss of a Friend”
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Sierra Stone	5 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Halloween”
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Honorable Mention: (tie)

Ben Scott	5 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Beehive Haircut”
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Ethan Durand	5 th Grade	Hillside Academy	“Alternative Resources”
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Sarah Nippert	5 th Grade	Dorsey Elementary	“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”
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5th GRADE NON-FICTION

1st Place:

Frances Sevcik	5 th Grade	Armstrong Elementary	“The Demon Dog”
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Honorable Mention:

Harrison Bowling	5 th Grade	Dorsey Elementary	“Moving to a Different School”
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5th GRADE FICTION

1st Place:

Ryan Short	5 th Grade	Armstrong Elementary	“The Return of the Sun”
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2nd Place:

Tahrima Bhuiyan	5 th Grade	Kimberlin Academy	“Gold Isn’t Everything”
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Honorable Mention: (tie)

Kennedy Warren	5 th Grade	Rowlett Elementary	“Who’s Santa”
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Haleigh Bradford	5 th Grade	Armstrong Elementary	“The Box”
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MIDDLE SCHOOL POETRY

1st Place:

Naomi Samuel	8 th Grade	Austin Academy	“Overcoming Society’s Burdens”
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2nd Place:

Anna Finley	7 th Grade	Austin Academy	“Realm of Magic”
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Honorable Mention:

Linh Nguyen	6 th Grade	Austin Academy	“Seeing Through Water”
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MIDDLE SCHOOL NON-FICTION

1st Place:

Naomi Samuel	8 th Grade	Austin Academy	“Magic Within the Fingertips”
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Honorable Mention:

Ana Diaz	8 th Grade	Lyles MS	“A Thanksgiving Miracle”
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MIDDLE SCHOOL FICTION

1st Place:

Naomi Samuel	8 th Grade	Austin Academy	“The Peculiar Riddle”
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2nd Place:

Linh Nguyen	6 th Grade	Austin Academy	“At the End of the Runway”
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HIGH SCHOOL NON-FICTION

1st Place:

Suzane Pham 12th Grade Garland HS “Audacity”

HIGH SCHOOL FICTION

1st Place:

Derrick Rice 11th Grade Garland HS “The Black River”

2nd Place:

Robyn Bashaw 12th Grade Garland HS “The Uprising”

Honorable Mention:

Suzane Pham 12th Grade Garland HS “Without a Handkerchief”

The contest was open to GT students in grades 3 – 12 who were passionate about writing and were currently participating in the district’s GT program. Judges were Bill Raley, South Garland Branch Library Manager; Christine Johnson, former IB English teacher at GHS (currently counselor at NGHS), Chris Steen, GISD Secondary Language Arts Coordinator, and her Instructional Support Team of Cindy Blevins, Kristina Reyna and Diane Loyd.