SPRINGS Young Authors' Writing Contest

Guidelines/FAQS

- SPRINGS Young Authors' Writing Contest is for homeschool students in grades **K-8**. Each contest consists of five entry categories: **K-1, 2-3, 4, 5-6, & 7-8.**
- There are two categories for the contest (Newbery & Caldecott). Students may submit an entry to only **one contest.**
- There will be a 1st, 2nd, and all others will place 3rd for each entry category and for each contest.
- **Newbery:** entries must be received by **January 18, 2017**.
    - **Cannot** have illustrations due to the nature of our contest.
    - Entries must be **typed** with a 12 point font (Times or Times New Roman) for the Newbery contest. Maximum page length=four pages double-spaced.
- **Caldecott:** entries must be received by **January 18, 2017.**
    - Entries can be published in a bound picture book format (bare book) or on loose paper & may be typed or hand written. Maximum page length=ten pages or a complete bound bare book.
    - ESes can order bare books using instructional funds. www.**barebooks**.com
    - A SPRINGS Caldecott will be awarded based on the work as a whole (pictures and text). We realize our youngest writers may not include many words in their stories!
- Parents are encouraged to support their students as they revise and use the writing process (POWER); however, please help your child retain his or her voice in the story.
- K-1 students may dictate the story to parents. Parents should try to retain the original word choice and voice of the child. We are happy to have students write the text!
- Stories must be fiction although they can be based on real life events.
- All students will receive an award certificate.
- Stories will be judged based on our 6-Traits Rubric.