



Chesapeake Reading Council 2011-2012 Young Writers Guidelines

The following are the guidelines for our Annual Young Writers' Reception. Some of the guidelines have changed from the past, so please take a moment to review them. All items that have been changed or edited have been designated with a star.

1. *All students of Chesapeake Public Schools are invited to become an author. They may submit a narrative story, an essay, or a poem. The books by a single author may be of any length. Essays and poems do not have to be in a bound cover.
2. All work must be original, written, and illustrated by the student as part of an in-school classroom writing project. This event will highlight the writing process, therefore, we would hope each submission has been taken through the writing process.
3. Children, (K-1 or special needs), who are unable to write, may dictate their stories to an adult.
4. Only kindergarten, first grade, and special education classes may submit a class book instead of individual books.
5. Each school is responsible for selecting **one** book from every class to be displayed at the Young Writer's Reception.
6. Each school is also responsible for creating a centerpiece with the Young Writer's theme. This year's theme is ***Blast Off Into Literacy!*** ******If you would like to bring a tablecloth to cover your table that is fine but not mandatory.***
7. Young Writers Reception on **March 29th at 6:00 pm at Oscar Smith High School.**
8. All schools will receive a master copy of a participation certificate for their students. Please print one certificate per child and distribute at your school.
9. Students whose books are displayed at the reception will receive a ribbon that evening. No awards will be presented on stage. Schools will be recognized for their participation during the program.
10. **Each school may provide a list of the participating student authors to be picked up at your school's table during the reception.**
11. *Building representatives will be responsible for bringing the participating submissions, centerpieces, cookies, and drinks to Oscar Smith High School at 5:00. Each school is asked to bring the following:
 - 2 case of 8 oz or 16 oz water bottles**
 - 3 packages of store bought cookies**
 - 1 large package of white napkins**
12. ***There should also be a designated representative from your building to help during the event from 4:00-7:15.** Your representative will collect and return the books and centerpieces to your school. This person should collect the books at 7:00, when the program in the auditorium begins.
12. Any questions about the guidelines or the program should be addressed to Betsy Beaman at Cedar Road Elementary. The easiest and quickest way to reach Betsy is through email beamaeri@cps.k12.va.us
13. Thank you for your time and efforts in helping us coordinate this special event for the students of Chesapeake Public Schools!