



Try, Try Again: How Effort, Energy & Creativity are the Keys to Success

2022-23 Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center Learning Through Literacy Contest

Teachers, are you looking for a fun, creative way to encourage literacy with your students? Look no further - our annual literacy contest is your solution! This year's theme provides students an opportunity to describe how effort, energy and/or work ethic has helped them, someone they know or someone they read about, build success over time. Students' entries can be focused on such things as (but not limited to): failing forward; overcoming obstacles or fears; practicing to make perfect; demonstrating determination, critical thinking, problem solving, creativity or hard work to succeed.

Additional Information:

1. There will be no grade bands this year. Instead the top 2 entries from each grade (K-12) will be acknowledged and receive a prize.
2. Entries do not need to be related to a text, only the theme. The story can be about anything demonstrating how the student, someone they know or read about used the traits above, or others, to build success.
3. Students may submit entries in any format they wish, noting that creativity will be a major factor in scoring. All entries **MUST** include some form of writing as this is a literacy contest.
4. Each teacher may submit up to 5 entries per class.
5. All entries must be submitted electronically. Any hand drawings or handwritten entries must be scanned and saved as electronic files. Links to entries will also be accepted.
6. The awards ceremony will take place in early May 2023 at the North Tonawanda Fine Arts building. All students that entered are invited to the ceremony.

Examples of entries and ideas for apps to use include, but are not limited to: a written narrative with pictures/drawings (Google Doc or Drawings), a picture story with text (Book Creator), a video that includes a written script (Youtube, Flipgrid), a slideshow (Google Slides, PowerPoint), a comic strip with text (Adobe Spark, Pixton), an electronic poster (Glogster), an animated story (Sock Puppet), a website (Google Sites), etc. **Whatever the format of the entry, creativity is highly encouraged!**

The submission deadline is March 16, 2023.

All entries must be submitted electronically using this [Google form](#) (you may need to copy and paste link).

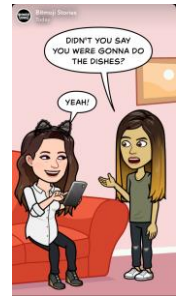
Entries will be scored on the following:

- Content - the story is original and relates to the theme
- Creativity - the format selected to tell the story is creative and took forethought
- Voice - the story is engaging to the reader
- Organization - the story is presented in a logical, sequential manner
- Grammar and Punctuation - text follows all English Language grammar rules

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SUBMISSION EXAMPLES:

A. Use your Bitmoji to tell a story about how you overcame obstacles to succeed.
Suggestions: Story may be created using SnapChat, Google Docs, Google Slides, or Instagram. Link to your story or screen shares of the images may be submitted. [How to create a Bitmoji](#)



B. Use Prezi or PowerPoint to tell your story with slides.
<https://prezi.com/flba-uvptva7/template-creative-stories/>



C. Use your phone, [DoInk](#), [Flip](#), to create a video to tell your story.



D. Use BookCreator to create a book with images, illustrations, videos, and words. [Book Creator sign up for free account](#)



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