Change Can Make Us Grow!

2020-21 Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center Learning Through Literacy Contest

This past year we have all seen a lot of changes in our lives. For this contest, we want students to focus on the positive impacts of these changes. They are to create a story about a change they have experienced and how it has positively impacted them. Impacts of change could mean many things such as how it has made them more resilient, open to trying new things, or discover more about their communities or themselves. There is no right answer, only a personal reflection. We want to focus on the positive though and how *Change Can Make Us Grow!*

NEW for this year! Our Board recognizes that change is good and provides us all an opportunity to do something great. For this reason, we decided to embrace the changes in education and use it in a positive way to redesign our Literacy Contest.

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 relating to change and how it has made you grow.
3. Students may submit entries in any format they wish, noting that creativity and effort will be major factors in scoring. **All entries MUST include actual writing as this is a literacy contest.**
4. Any student can submit an entry. It does not have to be a class assignment. They may enter on their own.
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 be virtual via Zoom. Prizes will be sent to the students' schools.

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

The submission deadline is March 26, 2021. All entries must include the electronic entry form. **Entries MUST be sent electronically to cherman@onboces.org. Please include "Literacy Contest" in the subject line.**
The virtual awards ceremony will take place on May 19, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.

Entry Form QR

Entries will be scored on the following:
- Voice - the story is personal and engaging and relates to the theme of change
- Choice - the format selected to tell the story is creative and original
- Effort – the entry took forethought and effort to complete
- 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 the different ways we communicate with our families, friends, and teachers. 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, Edpuzzle, FlipGrid, SeeSaw, or ClassDojo 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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