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## ***Get Active and Explore the Outdoors!*** **2024-2025 Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center Literacy Contest**

**Attention Teachers!** Are you searching for a fun and creative way to inspire literacy in your students? Look no further—our annual literacy contest is here! This year's theme encourages students to **share their favorite outdoor activity and write about the importance of staying active and healthy.** Experiences can include such things as: playing an outdoor sport; spending time with friends at the park; taking nature walks or hiking adventures; riding bikes to explore their surroundings; sledding with family, etc. The possibilities are endless! Whether it's about fun, fitness, or fresh air, students can write about any outdoor activity that keeps them happy, healthy, and active—both physically and mentally. Stories must include why the activity promotes health and well-being.

**Let's encourage writing, creativity, a love for the outdoors and being healthy!**

### **Additional Information:**

1. The top 2 entries from each grade (K-8) will be selected to receive a top winner prize. All other entries will be acknowledged and receive a medal and token gift at the awards ceremony on May 13, 2025 at Starpoint HS Auditorium.
2. Students may submit entries in any format they wish (see examples below), noting that creativity will be a major factor in scoring. All entries **MUST** include some form of writing as this is a literacy contest.
3. Each teacher may submit up to 5 entries per class.
4. 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.

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 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), a video with a written script, etc. **Whatever the format of the entry, creativity is highly encouraged!**

**The submission deadline is March 13, 2025.**

**All entries must be submitted electronically using this [Google form](#)**

### **Entries will be scored on the following:**

- Content - the entry relates to the theme and tells a story
- Voice - the story is engaging to the reader
- Creativity - the format selected to tell the story is creative and took forethought
- Authenticism - the entry is the original work of the student (mistakes are OK)
- Grammar and Punctuation - text follows age appropriate English Language grammar rules