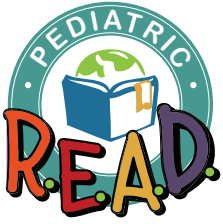


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## Rules and Guidelines

Each year in March we launch our annual writing contest. The rules and guidelines for the contest are below:

1. Write an original story using the story starter or make up your own.
2. Story must be the original work of the student submitting it and must be unpublished.
3. Stories must be family-friendly.
4. Submitted stories should be typed and double-spaced. Word counts should be as follows:
  - **Grade 3:** 300 to 500 words
  - **Grade 4:** 400 to 600 words
  - **Grade 5:** 500 to 700 words
  - **Grade 6:** 600 to 800 words
  - **Grade 7:** 700 to 900 words
  - **Grade 8:** 800 to 1000 words
  - **Grade 9:** 900 to 1100 words
  - **Grade 10:** 1000 to 200 words
  - **Grade 11:** 1200 to 1500 words
  - **Grade 12:** 1500 to 1800 words
5. The story should have a running header or footer consisting of page number, total number of pages, an email address, phone number where you can be contacted, school name, and grade.
6. Student/authors retain all copyrights, but grant Pediatric R.E.A.D. the right to publish and distribute the winning entries in their newsletter and on their website or in any publication for the purpose of promoting the story-writing contest.
7. The main character in each story must be an original creation of each student/author's making.
8. Story submissions will be accepted until **April 15, 2013**.
9. Stories must be delivered to either the Greater Essex County District School Board office or the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board office by **4:00 pm on April 15, 2013**.



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## 2013 Story Topics

Every year we pick a theme that you can use for your story.

### OPTION ONE

She could sense them approaching, each footstep like a gunshot to her ears. Time seemed suspended. Her breath spilled over trembling lips. Her grip tightened on the railing. Her heart thumped excitedly against her chest, so loud she feared it would guide them to her. All she had wanted was to own something they said she could not have. All she had wanted was an education. That's where it all had started, this secrecy, these hide-outs. And now. Now they were coming for her.

### OPTION TWO

Create your own story using this year's theme

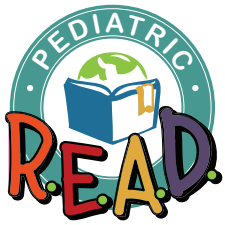
### OPTION THREE

Create a story using the Rotary 4 Way Test.

- A. Is it the TRUTH?
- B. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- C. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- D. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### SELECTION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

1. Stories are judged by a committee at the University of Windsor English Department.
2. First, second and third place winners are selected from each grade. From these winners one grand prize winner will be chosen.
3. The grand prizewinner in the junior grade will receive an iPod Touch.
4. The grade prize winner in the senior level will receive an iPad2.
5. All winners will be invited to read their stories in the Children's Village during Carousel By the River which will be held on **June 9, 2013**.
6. All winners from Grade 3-8 are invited on a bus trip to a local historical or cultural destination. Each winner may invite one chaperone to accompany him or her.



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## Student Consent Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTAL CONSENT: I give my son/daughter permission to enter the Pediatric R.E.A.D Story Writing Contest, and permission to participate in all activities if he/she is a winner.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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