

District 158 news & information

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NEWS RELEASE

Students Put Pen to Paper and Emerge as Budding Young Authors

All students in grades K-2 at Mackeben Elementary School recently put pen to paper and used their creative minds to develop and write their very own books to participate in the 35th Annual Illinois Statewide Young Authors Contest.

The purpose of the program is to integrate the writing instruction in a way that allows children to be inspired to become great writers. The books also serve as an assessment of a student's continued development as a writer.

Classroom teachers for grades 1-2 each selected the work of 2 students to move on to the final round of judging held on Friday, March 6. Excitement could be felt throughout the school on the day of judging as students eagerly awaited the announcement of who would be selected to attend the Young Authors Conference at Illinois State University in May. Winning books are on display at Mackeben.

The process of writing one's own book involves many steps and takes a great deal of thought, but the results are truly outstanding. Teachers, administrators, staff, and parents at Mackeben Elementary are very proud of the creative minds of the children.

Congratulations to first grader Emily Glass who was selected to represent Mackeben at the Young Authors Conference in May at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. The Young Authors Conference is a celebration to honor exceptional writing by students in grades Kindergarten through eight, and provides an opportunity for the young writers to meet published authors.

Special thanks to volunteer judges Elaine Neukirch, Maria Frankenfield, Barbara Terrill and Mary Ann Zunkel, and to District 158 Volunteer Coordinator, Eileen Delahanty.

Mackeben Elementary School is located at 800 Academic Drive, Algonquin, Illinois 60102. For more information, please contact Mackeben Literacy Leader Kathy Kamper at (847) 659-3425.

First Grade Budding Young Authors at Mackeben Elementary School



Nathan Ricketts, Andrew Monaco, Brianna Borders, Kara Johnson, Jimmy Nitz, Hunter Wozny, Abby Trch, Abby Covert, Nigel Thurston, Emily Glass, Hadley Giovacchini, Madelynn Hill, Tyler Hirsch, Jake Lyon, Jack Adams, Shashank Sangireddy, Tyler Tice, Isabella Whitesell, Jon Lindquist, and Skylar Sharkey.

Mackeben's Second Grade Emerging Young Authors



Alexandra Stevens, Michael Rosso, Nick Chung, Jordan Buchanan, Jordan Cubelo, Michael Patterson Seth Conklin, Alia Trujillo, Josh Thomas, Alexis Kozak, Mary Calabrese, Christopher Lee, Samantha DeLeonardo, Matthew Freitag, Bailey King, Chris Krupiczowicz, Madison Barr, Jacob Kemperas, Lauren Payton, Kaitlyn Grund, Elijah Papanus and Savannah Gilbert.

Winner of the Illinois Statewide Young Authors for Mackeben Elementary School



Emily Glass' book entitled Bella was chosen as the overall building winner for the 2008-09 Young Authors Contest. Emily, a first grade student in Miss Anderson's class, will represent Mackeben Elementary School at the 35th Annual Illinois Statewide Young Authors Conference in Normal, Illinois on May 16, 2009.