



PBS KIDS GO! Writer's Contest Frequently Asked Questions



1. When do stories need to be at KOCE?

All stories must be postmarked by March 15, 2010.

2. Is it important to follow the word count?

Yes! We count the words of stories. Any story that goes over or under the required word count is not eligible for consideration for the national contest. See Rules for Specific Word Count Instructions.

3. Does spelling count?

No! The judges are asked not to count off for spelling errors, but it is never a bad idea to check your spelling and your grammar!

4. When will the stories be judged?

Stories will be judged at the end of March.

5. How are the stories judged?

Stories are judged on the quality of the art, the quality of the writing, and how well the art and the writing work together. Some things that make a story special include bright, colorful art; a unique story; a story with a good beginning, middle, and end; illustrations that match the story; attention to details; and following the contest rules!

Our education department reads all the stories submitted to KOCE. Outstanding stories at each grade level are chosen for judging by an outside panel of judges made up of teachers, librarians, authors, artists, and KOCE staff. This panel selects a first, second, and third place winner at each grade level. The remaining stories are awarded an honorable mention.

6. How will I know if my story won?

First, Second and Third Place winners will be notified phone or email following judging. Winner's names are posted on this website after April 1, 2010

First place winners for K-3 stories are sent to represent KOCE at the national level where they compete with stories from over 100 other PBS stations from around the country.

7. Will my story be returned?

Entries that include a self-addressed stamped envelope will be returned at the end of the contest.