



Holiday Break Assignment

In spirit of recognizing the importance of education and the many opportunities that come from having a strong one, students will read at least one book of their choice about education/school and respond to appropriate grade level prompt. Each essay must reference and or include the book(s) the student has read. Student responses will be scored using the appropriate grade level rubric for expository writing. The top 3 student responses will be entered into the Essex County Education Association Pride Contest. (See themes below)

Essays are to be returned to teachers by **January 6, 2017**. The top 3 responses per grade level are to be submitted to the Office of Language Arts by **January 18, 2017**.

All responses must:

1. Refer to at least one book read during the break (articles with more than 10 pages count)
2. Adhere to the designated word counts
3. Include Student Name, Parent Name, School, Grade Level
4. Submissions for grades 6 and up must be typed: Times New Roman, 12pt, double spaced

THEMES FOR PRIDE ESSAY CONTEST 2017

(Please select the theme appropriate for the grade level. Themes are not designated sentence starters!)

KINDERGARTEN (K) - (10 - 25 words)

“School is fun because...”

(Picture accompanied by dictated sentences and inventive spelling are acceptable)

GRADES 1 & 2 (50-150 words)

“Why I love my school ...”

(Inventive spelling is acceptable)

GRADES 3 & 4 (100-200 words)

“Why it is important to be a good student...”

GRADES 5 & 6 (200- 400 words)

“A person in my school who has instilled pride in me is _____”

GRADES 7 & 8 (300-500 words)

“If you could rename your school what would it be?”

GRADES 9 & 10 (300-500 words)

“How is school preparing me for my future?”

GRADES 11 & 12 (300-500 words)

“The most memorable part of school is...”