

IRMAK SCHOOLS

"YOUNG WRITERS" CONTEST

REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION:

Irmak Schools were founded in partnership between Yapı Merkezi A.Ş. and Genclik Kültür ve Hizmet Vakfı in 1995, according to the aims and principles of Turkish Ministry of Education. Our motto has always been and will be to raise qualified students who feel responsibility towards their country and understand the requirements of the era, have self-confidence; use the knowledge they acquire; ask questions to obtain information and have the proficient skills to lead their lives successfully.

Irmak Schools provide various facilities to students in science, sports, culture and arts with the educational programmes developed from the vision it has established since the very first day of its foundation and have fulfilled its responsibilities to the society by educating students.

To this extent, Irmak Schools are organizing a memoir writing contest for 6,7 and 8 grades within the scope of Children's Day, April 23rd, 2010, in 2009-2010 academic year.

The Topic:

There are times when we say "I have grown up." and realize that we view the events from a different perspective, not in the way we used to do. Please write about a time when you thought that you grew up and the changes you went through. Make sure that your writing is in the form of a memoir.

PURPOSE: "Irmak Schools Young Writers Contest" aims to

- a) Leave next generations an unforgettable present which they will enjoy reading,
- b) Contribute to children's literature,
- c) Help our children to express themselves better and encourage their love of writing by supporting them to improve their imagination,
- d) Contribute to cross cultural communication by collecting winning entries from Turkish children and children all around the world.

CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS:

1. This is an international competition and open to all grades 6,7, and 8 of state and private schools from Turkey and all around the world.
2. Entries must be written in the form of memoir, in a respectful manner by avoiding discrimination in terms of ethnicity, religion and language.
3. Entries must be your own work and plagiarism is not allowed. Submissions, not accordance with the rules, will be disqualified and this will be made public.
4. Students are allowed to be contestants with their entries which were not published before neither been awarded in any other contests.
5. Entries with a minimum of one page, maximum of 2 pages; and typed in 12 font size will be accepted.
6. Entries must not contain any ideological ideas and impositions.

(Submissions not accordance with the rules will not be accepted.)

HOW TO ENTER:

Submissions that will be assessed and selected by the school committee are required to be sent by e-mail to kucuk.kalemler@irmak.k12.tr no later than March 22nd, 2010.

Please fill and add " the entry form" provided in the attachment file with your submission.

ASSESSMENT:

1. Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of Irmak Schools teachers for the pre-qualifying stage. Entries in accordance with the rules will be sent to the jury.
2. The prizes for the winners, selected by the jury, will be awarded at the Irmak Schools Award Ceremony on April 23rd, 2010 and be made public.

PRIZES AND COPYRIGHT:

1. In the end of "Young Writers" contest, winning entries will be published in the book titled " **Memoirs from Children around the World**" by a publisher designated by Irmak Schools. Winners agree that Irmak Schools have the right to present, publish and distribute the entries through radio and television in and out of Turkey. These rights may be transferred to third parties.
2. The winners will be awarded with a certificate and will receive various prizes.

PARTICIPATION FORM

Student

First Name / Last Name _____

School Name: _____

Grade Level : _____

School Address _____

City / Country _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E mail: _____

Contact Teacher

First Name/Last Name : _____

E- mail: _____