2013 Student Poetry Contest
in celebration of National Poetry Month in April
...a project of the Poet Laureate of Alameda and the Alameda Multicultural Community Center

All Alameda students are invited to submit poems during the months of February & March on the theme “My Culture.”

Three Categories:  Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12

The Poet Laureate of Alameda, Mary Rudge, and the Alameda Multicultural Community Center celebrate National Poetry Month in April with a contest for students to write poetry in any form on the subject of “My Culture.” Prizes will be given. A poetry reading will take place on April 16th. Poems will be collected at the Center or may be e-mailed. Computers are available at the Center to write poems.

Poetry Reading: Tuesday, April 16th from 4-5:30pm.
All poets entering poems are invited to read their poems. Guests are welcome. Prizes and certificates will be given and refreshments served. There will also be an Open Reading, time permitting, by poets of any age.

Rules

1. Write a poem. Keep one copy for yourself and bring a copy to the Multicultural Center or e-mail your poem to <alamulticultural@gmail.com>. A copy will be placed in the top of the Poem Home Box at the Center for sharing with others and a copy in the bottom for the judges. You are welcome to type your poem or write it by hand. Computers are available at the Multicultural Center to write poems.
2. Poems in other languages with English translation are encouraged. Only the English version will be judged, but poets are invited to read in any language at the Poetry Reading on April 16th.
3. Each poem must be original, created by the student who enters it, and on the theme “My Culture.”
4. Print name, school, grade and contact information (phone and e-mail) in the upper right hand corner of each copy of each poem you enter.
5. No limit to the number of entries for each student.
6. 24 line limit per poem.
7. There are 3 categories of poems. Category 1 Grades 3-5; Category 2 Grades 6-8; Category 3 Grades 9-12.
   $15 first prize, $10 second prize & $5 third prize in each category. Additional prizes will be awarded.
8. Poems must be submitted to the Multicultural Center by April 1, 2013 for judging.

Note: Descriptions of poetry forms such as Haiku, Diamonite, Tanka, Rhymed Couplets, Quatrains, Ballads, Sonnets, Triolets, and more including Free Verse, are on the Internet. Descriptions of some poetry forms will also be posted at the Multicultural Center.

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