



## WRITING CONTEST 2020

For grades 5, 6, 7, & 8

**Please write an essay choosing ONE of the topics listed below:**

1. *Choose a person you admire. Write about why you admire this person, using specific examples of the way he or she demonstrates one or more of the pillars of character.*

**OR**

2. *Describe an incident or event from which you learned a lesson "the hard way." How has this changed you/your life? What pillars of character did you use?*

**The six pillars and a brief description:**

- Trustworthiness: integrity, honesty, promise-keeping, loyalty
- Respect: courtesy, dignity, diversity, the Golden Rule
- Responsibility: duty, accountability, pursuit of excellence
- Fairness: openness, consistency, impartiality
- Caring: kindness, compassion, empathy
- Citizenship: lawfulness, common good

**Contest Rules:**

1. Students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are eligible to submit an essay.
2. Your entry must be between **200 and 350 words** in length. Please remember to use proper grammar and develop a well-structured essay.
3. Put your **name, parent's email address, phone number, grade and school** in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
4. Make sure your entry is given to your Language Arts or classroom teacher before **Friday, February 21** or deliver it by that date to Barbara Littlefield, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road.
5. Entries will be judged by a panel of professionals. Winners will be announced in late March and recognized at an April Glenview Village Board meeting. In addition, first place essays will be made available to local media for publication. There will be a first, second and third place prize for each grade level.

**The Six Pillars of Character**

*Trustworthiness • Respect • Responsibility • Fairness • Caring • Citizenship*