

KIDS MATTER HERE

Good Stuff About Our Grantees

Get on the Write Track

1st Annual Writing Fair a Success

Friday, April 13, the Young Authors' Conference celebrated the written work of children in kindergarten through fifth grade.



This was the first year for the writing fair, and the purpose of the conference is to support classroom teachers in their efforts to encourage and improve students' abilities in writing, reading, listening and sharing, as well as to recognize the accomplishments of young authors.

◆ All children K-5, including those in special programs, were encouraged to participate.



- Ten winners per grade level were
- selected by their teachers and invited
- to attend the one-day fair where
- their writings were displayed,
- discussed and recited in front of an
- audience. ◆ The participating
- schools were **Gompers Elementary,**
- **Healy International Academy, Burt**
- **Elementary, Vetal Elementary-**
- **Middle, and Harding Elementary**
- **Schools** - all schools located in
- **Detroit's Brightmoor Community** -
- one of the neighborhoods involved
- with **Skillman's Good**
- **Neighborhoods** program area.

Each grade had its own type of story to write and its own set of guidelines to follow. ◆ The children's work was displayed in three divisions:

- • Early Elementary (K-1): Personal Narrative
- • Middle Elementary (Grades 2-3): Realistic Fiction
- • Later Elementary (Grades 4-5): Fantasy

This event promotes student enthusiasm and competence through written communication. It focuses on the concept that students must be encouraged in their academic lives if they are to become effective communicators.

- • Students are inspired and
- encouraged by their interaction
- with successful, enthusiastic role
- models for writing.
- • Students learn the importance of
- effective written communication.
- • Students learn the power of the
- well-written word and the way in
- which it can inform, inspire and
- transform.
- • These students, schools, teachers,
- administrators and parents should be
- saluted and celebrated!



The Skillman
FOUNDATION

Created in 1960, The Skillman Foundation helps children in metropolitan Detroit by improving their homes, schools, and neighborhoods. Read this page every week for important news about Skillman Foundation grantees and their work.

100 TALON CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE 100
DETROIT, MI 48207
313.393.1185
www.skillman.org
mailbox@skillman.org