WRITE-OFF CONTEST 2021
Theme: “Where Does My Water Come From?”
Deadline for Entries is Monday, November 30, 2020

Contest Entry Guidelines
for Middle School Students (Grades 6-8)

- This is a class-based project for students in grades 6-8 and requires teacher facilitation. Students may work alone or in groups of no more than four.
- Students will author and illustrate a story about “where the water comes from when they turn on their tap.”
- Students will research and present an engaging story that includes:
  - Why Southern California is dependent on outside sources for water.
  - Explain the limited local supplies that are available to Southern California.
  - Explain why Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) has very limited local water supplies and why there is a need to import water from the Colorado River Aqueduct and State Water Project.
  - Briefly explain how Metropolitan Water District of Southern California operates as the original source of imported water and then how EMWD is one of their 26 member agencies who benefits from this.
  - Explain how Rancho Water (RCWD) is a sub-agency of EMWD.
  - Conclusion should link value of water as a resource and the need to not be wasteful (suggestions on how to save water).
- Students are encouraged to explore their creativity while developing an engaging story for elementary school students.

Story Requirements

- 500-1,000 words.
- Written for an audience of elementary age students.
- Need to include illustration pages that match the story on separate 8.5” x 11” paper.
- Must include student biography, teacher biography, and student dedication.
- Story and illustrations become the property of EMWD & RCWD.
- No trademarked or copyrighted artwork or material will be accepted.

Prizes

- All participating classrooms submitting complete stories will be entered into a drawing for a pizza party.
- Winning student(s) will have their story published, receive an iPad mini or Chromebook and copies of the book.
- Winning teacher(s) will receive a gift card and copies of the book.

For Questions Please Contact
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