

Wish Mindset Inc. Presents

 *Ink & Culture*
AUTHORS EXPO

Essay

COMPETITION

Grades 3, 4 & 5

Essay Topics (Choose One)

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2. Helping the Earth, Helping Each Other
3. A New Friend From a Different Place

Typed essays only

Word Count Guidelines

- ★ Grade 3: 120–150 words
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Do You Have the Write Attitude?

We invite YOU to share your voice, your kindness, and your creativity by writing an essay that could inspire your very own children's book!

Essay Topics (Choose One)

1. A Small Act of Kindness That Changed a Day

Write about a time when kindness—like sharing, helping, or comforting—made a big difference.

1. Helping the Earth, Helping Each Other

Show how caring for the environment is also a way of helping people and animals.

2. A New Friend From a Different Place

Imagine meeting someone from a different culture or background. How did kindness help you become friends?

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(Tip: Too short = missing details. Too long = hard to follow. Aim for the sweet spot!)

Scholarship Awards

- \$1,000 scholarship vouchers will be awarded to 9 students (3 from each grade: 3rd, 4th, and 5th).
- An additional \$3,000 fund supports editing, formatting, illustrating, and publishing the winning stories on Amazon.
- Note: This is not a cash prize. Funds are applied directly to the writing program.

Scholarship Rules

- Recipients must attend weekly writing classes held Saturdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- Classes run from January 5 – April 30, 2026.
- Students may not miss more than 2 classes during this period.

Submission Details

- Typed essays only
- Email to: judith@wishmindsetinc.com
- **Deadline: Monday November 17, 2025 11: 59pm**
- Eligibility: Open to elementary public schools in Lauderhill

**** Be Creative. Be Kind. Be You. ****

Your story could inspire the next children's book!

2. Student Rubric (Kid-Friendly)

How Your Essay Will Be Scored

What We're Looking At	4 Stars	3 Stars	2 Stars	1 Star
Ideas	Strong, clear ideas with lots of details	Good ideas with some details	A few ideas, needs more detail	Hard to understand or off-topic
Organization	Clear beginning, middle, and end	Mostly organized	Some parts out of order	Confusing and hard to follow
Voice	Sounds like *you*! Creative and interesting	Shows some personality	Simple, not much personality	Doesn't sound like you at all
Mechanics	Almost no mistakes	A few mistakes, easy to read	Several mistakes, harder to read	Lots of mistakes, very hard to read