



Cherry Crest Writing Challenge

3rd grade

Over the next few weeks, all Cherry Crest Chargers are encouraged (BUT NOT REQUIRED) to participate in a writing challenge. The theme for this year's challenge is "school".

All writing will be published in a collective book that will be displayed in the library. Books will be available for purchase as well. Everyone who participates will receive a ticket for a special prize at the art walk on March 27th. Writing pieces will be featured for family and friends to read during the art walk and the unearthing of the time capsule.

PROMPT:

Write an essay about your experience with school. Think about the following questions.

1. What does school mean to you? Why is school important? What do you like and dislike about school?
2. If I were the principal of the school, I would ...
3. 50 years from now, how will Cherry Crest Elementary School be different to how it is today?
4. How do you think Cherry Crest Elementary School was different 50 years ago to how it is today? OR if you know someone that attended CCES more than 15 years ago, ask them what it was like and write a paragraph about what you learned.

5. (Optional) Draw a picture or include a photograph.

Then, begin writing your essay (hand-written or typed). Make sure that your writing:

- 1) Has a topic sentence that clearly tells what is being compared and contrasted.
- 2) Groups 3 or more sentences about similarities together.
- 3) Supports and explains some similarities by including examples.
- 4) Uses signal words (both, also, another thing, alike, same, but, different, however, different, in contrast).
- 5) Has an ending sentence that restates the topic sentence using different words of the writing.
- 6) The ending gives the reader a sense of closure.

Your finished piece is **DUE on FRIDAY March 6th** and should be turned into your teacher or submitted [online](#). Make sure you include your NAME, GRADE, and TEACHER in the top right-hand corner of your essay. Parents, please also sign and submit the publishing agreement. Have fun writers!

Publishing Agreement

By submitting this form, I give permission for Cherry Crest Elementary PTSA to publish my child's writing and illustration along with their name, grade, teacher, and school in a book. I understand that the book will be available for purchase at the Cherry Crest Spring Auction and online at Amazon.com. I understand that my child and I will receive no compensation, and that all proceeds will be donated to Cherry Crest Elementary PTSA to support student programs.

Parent/guardian printed name: _____

Student name: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Date: _____