



Cherry Crest Writing Challenge

4th and 5th 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. What does it mean to you? Why is school important? What do you like about Cherry Crest Elementary School (CCES) specifically? What are your favorite and least favorite things about school? How will CCES be different 50 years from now? When CCES first opened 50 years ago, how do you think it was different to today? If you were the principal of the school, what would you do, and how would you make it happen?

Optional:

- 1) If you know someone that attended CCES more than 10 years ago, ask them what it was like and include that in your essay.
- 2) Draw a picture or include a photograph.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Writing should be one to two pages in length; but not much more.
- Final draft needs to be typed.
- **At the top of your essay, please include your full name, your grade level, and an email address that you and a parent can be reached at.**
- Your final draft should include:
 - A strong introductory paragraph with a thesis statement.
 - Body paragraphs with topic sentences and reasons to support.
 - A meaningful conclusion.

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: _____