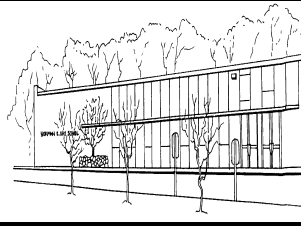


# Norman E. Day Elementary School

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“A Gateway To An Expanding World Of Growth And Knowledge”

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## “AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK” WRITING CONTEST

All students in grades three, four and five at the Norman E. Day School are invited to participate in this school-wide writing contest. The contest guidelines are:

- 1) Student participation is optional for this contest.
- 2) Children should only work on their response beyond the school day.
- 3) Students must work on their prompt **WITHOUT** the assistance of any other person.
- 4) Students must work on their own, without partners, to complete the prompt.
- 5) The length of each student response should be no longer than two sides of an 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper. Students may use two sheets of paper to complete the prompt.
- 6) Word processing, printing or cursive writing are each acceptable for students to complete their response. Word-processed responses must be 14-point font.
- 7) The contest begins on Thursday 12/3/09 and ends Friday 1/8/10.
- 8) All completed entries should be returned to classroom teachers and forwarded to Mr. Regan no later than 3:00 PM on 1/8/10. Entries received after 3:00 PM on 1/8/10 will not be accepted.
- 9) Students may research the topic if desired (with parent permission).
- 10) Participating students may submit no more than one response.
- 11) Students must attach this sheet, with the section below completed by their parent or guardian, to their actual response.
- 12) The four “runner-up” student responses in each grade level will be recognized with a ribbon and the best response per grade level will receive a \$25 gift certificate of their choice from Barnes and Noble or Kimball Farms or AMC Theatres.
- 13) Students responding to the prompt must answer the question below:

**WRITING PROMPT:** Each year in November the United States Department of Education sponsors American Education Week. This recognition is to celebrate the importance of education within the United States. Should the Norman E. Day School recognize American Education Week? Include in your response why we should or should not celebrate American Education Week. If we do recognize American Education Week what do you suggest the slogan (special phrase) be? What specific activities do you suggest for us to celebrate American Education Week?

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ in grade \_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the “AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK” Writing Contest. I and he/she agree to follow each of the contest guidelines noted above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

### RELEASE TO SHARE INFORMATION (SELECT ONE CATEGORY):

- If I win the contest I will read my entry at the Cobra Council.
- If I win the contest Mr. Regan or Mrs. McNamee can read my entry at the Cobra Council.
- I prefer my entry not be read at Cobra Council.

**IF I WIN THE CONTEST I WANT THE FOLLOWING \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE (SELECT ONE):** Barnes and Noble Bookstore OR AMC Theatres OR Kimball Farms

