

WRITING CONTEST FOR GRADES 3, 4 &5

In April, The Cutchins Children’s Clinic in Northampton is celebrating 25 years of working with children and families. As part of the celebration, we are inviting children in grades 3, 4 and 5 to write a response to one of the following topics:

Write about a person, place, or thing that makes you feel safe.

Write about something you do that helps you calm down when you are really mad or upset.

What do you think grown-ups need to know about kids?

Here are the rules:

Your piece should be a minimum of 100 words and no longer than 350 words

On the back of your entry, please sign your name, grade, and school only on the back of the page

Permission slip needs to be signed by parent or guardian and attached to your writing

Your entry needs to be submitted to your teacher by Monday, February 28. Each child who enters the contest will receive a coupon for a free ice cream cone .

The first place winners from each grade will receive a \$50 gift certificate to A2Z and will be invited (but not required!) to read their pieces at a celebration on April 13 at the Union Station restaurant. The winner’s essays will be published, with the authors’ permission, in the Daily Hampshire Gazette.

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Cutchins Children's Clinic Young Writers Contest Permission Form

The **Cutchins Children's Clinic Young Writers Contest** is produced by The Cutchins Children's Clinic as part of the Clinic's 25th anniversary of working with children and families.

Child's Name _____ Age _____
Child's Mailing address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone (_____) _____
Circle Grade: 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade Sex: F M

Teacher's name _____
School name _____ home-schooled? _____
Title of essay _____
Number of Words _____ The word count includes "a," "an," & the."
Word count range: Grades 3-5 minimum-100, maximum-350

Only one entry per child • Only single author pieces (no co-authors) • Essay must be original work of the child • Use only one side of the paper • Number each page on the back • Text must be printed/written legibly or typed • Children who can't write may dictate their essay to be printed or typed • Invented spelling is accepted • Non-English text must be translated on the same page and the translated text must adhere to the word count • Word count includes "a" "an" "the."

I acknowledge that I have read the Contest rules & regulations prior to signing this and that I understand the rules.

Required:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Email address: _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

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