

HOW TO ENTER YOUR CHILD INTO THE REFLECTIONS CONTEST:

1. Consider the Theme: This year's Reflections theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly." Encourage your child to take the time to consider (on their own) the best way they could artistically express this year's theme.

2. Pick a Category: Tell your child about the different artistic categories in which they can participate to best express their idea. The categories include: photography, visual arts, film production, literature, dance choreography and musical composition.

**The Reflections Organization is introducing a new theme this year for special needs students called Special Artist. Please see below for further details!*

3. Note the Rules: After your child has picked a category, please note the rules and guidelines for their category. This is a contest that advances from local level, to region, state and eventually national, so there are very specific rules that need to be followed. ***If these rules are not followed, your child's entry will be disqualified from the contest.*** And we really don't want that to happen after all of their hard work! So please follow the rules! Below are links to the rules for each category. Knowing and discussing the rules with your child before they start creating will help avoid needing to modify or alter their final piece of artwork in order to stay within the rules (e.g., if artwork is not displayed on a ___x___ paper, it would have to be resized or disqualified).

Click [here for General Rules of Participation](#). These rules apply to everyone.

Click [here for the Dance Choreography Rules](#).

Click [here for the Film Production Rules](#)

Click [here for Literature Rules](#)

Click [here for Music Composition Rules](#)

Click [here for Photography Rules](#)

Click [here for Visual Art Rules](#)

*Click [here for Special Artist Information](#) (New category this year!)

4. Create!: The fun part! Provide your child with the necessary tools and mediums and "let their imagination fly!" (Sorry, I couldn't help myself). As you will learn more about in the rules, each entry must be the original work of one student ONLY. And only that student.

5. Fill out Entry Form and Artist Statement: Every participant needs both an Entry Form and an Artist Statement. Please refer to your category's rules to see how to correctly attach/hand-in your forms to your artwork.

Click [here for Entry Form](#)

Click [here for Artist Statement](#)

We will be sending home one page (Entry Form printed on front, the Artist Statement on back) to each child the day of our Reflections Kickoff, September 8th. We will also have extras printed in the office for your use as well.

6. Submit Entry on Thursday Oct 8th: Have your child hand-in their submission to the office on Thursday October, 8th. Please don't hand-in entries any earlier. We will make exceptions for those who will be absent this day, in which case we ask you to hand-in your entry as close to the due date as possible. No entries will be accepted past 5:00 PM that day.

If you have any questions, feel to email me at: [jasmine\[dot\]shorten\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:jasmine[dot]shorten[at]gmail[dot]com)
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