



B.E.S.T.

Bookstock Extraordinary Student/School/Teacher

AWARD

Dear 4th Grade Teachers:

Bookstock is pleased to announce a writing contest for all 4th grade students in Detroit Public Schools Community District and DPSCD authorized charter schools.

We invite your fourth grade students to write a one page essay. This year's topic for the B.E.S.T. Award (Bookstock Extraordinary Student/School/Teacher) is: **"My Favorite Book Character... and Why!"**

Bookstock is Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale. All proceeds benefit literacy and educational projects in Metro Detroit. Dates for this year's sale are April 26 - May 3 at Livonia's Laurel Park Place. Since 2003, Bookstock has generated over 3 million dollars for literacy and education programs throughout Detroit and Oakland County. All students who submit entries will receive a **\$5 "Bookstock Bucks"** gift certificate that they can use at the sale.

All entries must be postmarked by February 27, 2026 and submitted to:
Bookstock c/o 29699 Southfield Rd., Southfield, MI 48076-2063

You must include an entry form and signed media release with each submission. 5 finalists and 10 honorable mentions will be notified in late March, 2026. Bookstock will present the awards to the winners and runners-up at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

All 4th grade finalists and DPSCD teachers/administrators should be present to win.

BOOKSTOCK B.E.S.T. AWARD PRIZES ARE:

WINNING ENTRY:

\$750 – school
\$500 – teacher
\$150 – student

4 RUNNERS-UP:

\$500 – school
\$200 – teacher
\$75 – students

10 HONORABLE MENTIONS:

\$100 – school
\$50 – teacher
\$25 – students

3 DRAWINGS THIS YEAR

1. Any teacher who submits at least 5 essays will have his/her name put into a drawing to win a gift card.
2. Any teacher who submits at least 5 essays can win a class field trip to The Parade Company (bus and lunch included). Sponsored by The Parade Company and Wallside Windows.
3. A WDIV personality will come to your classroom to read.

We look forward to receiving your students' submissions and learning about their favorite books!

Best regards,

Judy Robinson

Chair, Bookstock's B.E.S.T. Award