



Chemists Celebrate Earth Day: Illustrated Haiku Contest

Air – The Sky's the Limit

As part of their **Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2009** celebration, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated haiku contest for students in grades Kindergarten-12.

A haiku is a three-line poem with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. Haikus typically have nature-related themes and do not rhyme, as in the example below.

*Submerged rocks stare back
Through the glistening water
Streaming clean and clear.*



Possible topics related to the atmosphere and chemistry include:

- ∞ Wind flowing through valleys, canyons, and over mountains.
- ∞ Wind Power—conversion of wind energy.
- ∞ Environmental chemistry—keeping the air clean.
- ∞ Air Pollutants—fumes from cars and factories
- ∞ Properties of Gas—temperature, density, pressure.
- ∞ Gas Phases—water vapor or steam.
- ∞ The various layers of the atmosphere.

Winners will be selected in each of the following categories:

- K-2nd grade
- 3rd – 5th grade
- 6th – 8th grade
- 9th – 12th grade

National Prizes:

1st Place in each grade category – \$250. 2nd Place in each grade category – \$150

Local Prizes:

- 1st Place in each grade category – \$50. 2nd Place in each grade category – \$25.00.
3rd Place in each grade category – \$ 10.00. Teachers prizes for each grade category.

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Contest Rules

- Poems must conform to the haiku style. Students in grades K-2 may be more free with their syllables; however, no poem may be longer than 25 words.
- The topic of the haiku and the illustration must be related to the CCED Theme, “Air-The Sky’s the Limit” and should reflect some aspect of the atmosphere from the possible topics listed.
- All entries must be original works without aid from others.
- Each poem should be submitted and illustrated on an unlined 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper (of any type). The illustration should be created by hand using crayons, watercolors, other types of paint, colored pencils or markers. The text of the poem should be easy to read and may be printed with a computer, or the poem may be written on lined paper which is cut out and pasted onto the unlined paper with the illustration.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- **All entries must have the following information included on the back of the entry: student’s name, grade, home address, telephone number, school name, school address, teacher’s name, email, and school telephone number (both addresses are used for sending prizes; please provide complete information). Entries not containing this information will NOT BE JUDGED. You can make a label and post it on the back of the poster.**
- **Teachers are to encourage all students to enter but ONLY SEND The Three Best.**
- ACS is not responsible for lost, damaged, or delayed postal shipments and electronic submission is encouraged.
- All illustrated haikus and/or digital representations of the haikus become the property of the American Chemical Society.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ names, likenesses and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Originality and Creativity
- Relevance to and Incorporation of Theme “Air – The Sky’s the Limit”
- Word choice and imageru
- Colorful artwork
- Adherence to Haiku Style
- Overall presentation

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS: FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2009

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