Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2010:
“Plants – The Green Machines!”
Illustrated Poem Contest

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

Write and illustrate a poem using the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day theme, “Plants – The Green Machines!” Your poem can be in any style as long as it is no more than 40 words. Some examples are:

Haiku
Limerick
Ode
ABC poem
Free Verse
End Rhyme
Blank Verse
Sonnet

Example of End Rhyme Style:

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Sugar is sweet
And so are you

Possible topics related to plants and chemistry include:
Environmental Chemistry – plants helping to keep air clean.
Food Chemistry – plants as a source of food.
Biochemistry – plants being used as an alternate fuel source.
General Plant Function – photosynthesis and respiration.

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 – $200
2nd Place in each grade category – $100

1st Place Winner in each of the grade categories from the Local North Jersey Section will be entered in the competition for the National Prizes.
LOCAL NORTH JERSEY SECTION PRIZES AND RULES

Each school can submit no more than three (3) entries per grade category:
K – 2nd grade          3rd – 5th grade          6th – 8th grade     9th – 12th grade

Prizes given in each of the grade categories for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place:
1st Place:  $50     2nd Place  $25       3rd Place $10
(Teacher and Student receive identical prizes.)

CONTEST ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY: FRIDAY MARCH 26, 2010

Mail to: North Jersey ACS Office, 4 Cameron Road, Piscataway NJ 08854

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Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Illustrated Poem Contest Rules

• Poems must conform to a particular style. No poem may be longer than 40 words.
• The topic of the poem and the illustration must be related to the CCED theme, “Plants – The Green Machines!” and should reflect some aspect of plant science from the possible topics listed.
• All entries must be original works without aid from others.
• Each poem must be submitted and illustrated on an unlined 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper (of any type). The illustration must 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, before the hand-drawn illustration is added, 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 with the entry: student’s name, grade, home address, telephone number, school name, school address, teacher’s name, email, school telephone number (both addresses are used for sending prizes) and style of the poem below the title. (FORM BELOW must be completely filled out and paper clipped to the entry.)
• On the front under the title, put the style of the poem. Print the student name of the back.
• All illustrated poems and/or digital representations of the poems become the property of the American Chemical Society and/or the North Jersey Section ACS.
• Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ names, likenesses and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.

Entries will be judged based upon:
• Relevance to and incorporation of “Plants – The Green Machines!” theme
• Word choice and imagery
• Colorful artwork
• Adherence to poem style
• Originality and creativity
• Overall presentation

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Fill this out completely and PRINT/TYPING LEGIBLY:

Title of Poem __________________________________________

Style of Poem __________________________________________

Student’s Name _________________________________________

Grade________________________________________________

Student’s Home Address __________________________________

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Student’s Telephone Number _______________________________

School’s Name __________________________________________

School’s Address ________________________________________

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Teacher’s Name ________________________________________

Teacher’s School Telephone Number _________________________

Teacher’s Email _________________________________________

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