

# THE OLD CREAMERY THEATRE'S 2018 WRITING CONTEST

We're all faced with problems, but it's how we choose to deal with those challenges that sets us apart as people of good character.

For this year's contest The Old Creamery Theatre would like to hear your creative original story about a character or characters that solve a problem using one or more of the 3 C's.

## What are the 3 C's?

They're problem solving skills that anyone can use to get out of sticky situations without using their fists or harsh words. The more you use them, the easier it gets!

**Cooperation:** When people work together to achieve a common goal. Like when you work together with a friend to get a tough job done twice as fast.

**Compromise:** When there's a conflict, each side gives something up to reach an agreement. Like when two people want a cookie but there's only one, so they split it in half and share.

**Critical Thinking:** When there's a problem, you analyze the situation and use reasoning to find a solution. For example: You'd like some money to buy a friend a birthday present. Your brother always mows the neighbor's lawn, but has to be out of town this week. You offer to do the job for him. You help him fulfill his commitment and you can use the money you make to buy the present.



## REQUIREMENTS

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### All entries must:

- Be an original work from the imagination of a student or students in grades 1 - 6.
- Be in the form of a story, poem, song, or play.
- Be kept to a maximum of five typewritten pages.
- Use one or more of the 3 C's to solve a problem or teach a lesson in the story.

Be creative! Use unique characters and conflicts in your story. Stories can be about people (real or imaginary), animals (realistic or fantastical), or even inanimate objects (things that would never really walk and talk, but can come to life in your story). Let your imagination run wild!

## STORY WRITING TIPS

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### A good story:

- Has a beginning, middle, and end.
- Is creative (and comes solely from the student's imagination).
- Has interesting characters.
- Tells the reader where the story takes place.
- Deals with a conflict (or problem) that is resolved using at least one of the 3 C's.
- Teaches a lesson or has a moral.
- Explains how the characters have changed or been affected by events in the story.

## Don't forget!

- Each entry must include the entrant's name(s) and grade, as well as the school's name, address, and phone number. Make sure that emailed submissions include this information too!
- Students are free to work on stories individually, in pairs, small groups, or as a class project.
- Teachers are encouraged to check entries to make sure the requirements are met and to provide basic feedback associated with any creative writing project.
- No entries will be returned and all works become property of The Old Creamery Theatre.

## HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST

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### MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Old Creamery Theatre Writing Contest  
39 38<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Amana, IA 52203

### EMAIL ENTRIES TO:

[writingcontest@oldcreamery.com](mailto:writingcontest@oldcreamery.com)

Please send email submissions as a word document attachment. If you don't receive a confirmation email back within a week of submission, your entry was not received. Contact us by phone so we can resolve technical issues. 319-622-6034, ext. 112



All entries must be postmarked or emailed no later than January 15, 2018. Early submissions are encouraged! Each entry will be read and evaluated and the final selection of winners will be made by February 19, 2018. Winning story titles will be posted on The Old Creamery's website.

## WINNING ENTRIES

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Prizes will be awarded in the form of bookstore gift cards. In the event that a winning entry is the result of a team effort, The Old Creamery will divide the prize equally. In the case of a larger group, the prize will be given to the group's supervisor to distribute as he or she sees fit.

1 Grand Prize:	\$100 Gift Card	3 First Prizes:	\$75 Gift Card
5 Second Prizes:	\$50 Gift Card	10 Third Prizes:	\$25 Gift Card

**Please Note:** Entries submitted to the 2018 Writing Contest may be freely adapted by The Old Creamery Theatre Company. While remaining faithful to the idea, purpose, and intent of the young writer, we reserve the right to use their work in any manner that is consistent with our mission of bringing a high-quality, live, professional theatrical experience to our young audiences. This includes editing for length, creating new dialogue, adding music, and making changes in the material if such changes enhance the dramatic or entertainment value of the piece. Also understand that not all prize-winning stories will be performed and some material used in the final production may receive a special recognition rather than a monetary award.

**Sailing the 3 C's will be touring from February 19 to May 18, 2018. For more information or to schedule a performance please contact Jackie McCall at 319-622-6034 ext. 112 or [jmccall@oldcreamery.com](mailto:jmccall@oldcreamery.com).**