



**WEIU TV ANNOUNCES LOCAL WINNERS OF THE PBS KIDS GO!
WRITERS CONTEST**

First Place Winners Advance to the National PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest

Charleston, IL, 4/26/13 – Today, WEIU announced the local winners of the 2013 [PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest](#). The first place winners in grades K-3 will advance to the national contest. Several creative entries were received from local children, and winners were chosen for first place, second place, third place and honorable mention recognitions:

Name	Grade	City, State	Story Title	Recognition
Sarah R.	Kindergarten	Bluffton, SC	The Miner and the Dragon	Honorable Mention
Lilly K.	Kindergarten	Paris, IL	Pretty Princess	Honorable Mention
Ethan E.	Kindergarten	Charleston, IL	The Mouse is in the House	2nd Place
Skylar D.	Kindergarten	Strasburg, IL	The Nits	Honorable Mention
Tyler B.	Kindergarten	St. Jacob, IL	A Pond for Turtle	1st Place
James D. B.	1st	Neoga, IL	The Pickle Dog	1st Place
Serinity S.	1st	Stewardson, IL	Silly Cars	Honorable Mention
Greyson F.	1st	Strasburg, IL	The Kun Foo Frog	Honorable Mention
Kaley R.	1st	Strasburg, IL	Dog and Cats	Honorable Mention
Amelia G.	1st	Stewardson, IL	The Lost Princess	Honorable Mention
Briar S.	1st	Stewardson, IL	The Life of the Gwngolongong	Honorable Mention
Stacie V.	1st	Stewardson, IL	The Magic Cat	1st Place
Paytyn P.	1st	Stewardson, IL	The Snake and a Person	Honorable Mention
Claire M.	1st	Shumway IL	A Day at the Beach	2nd Place
Evan P.	1st	Stewardson, IL	Zoo	Honorable Mention
Morgan M.	1st	Strasburg, IL	My First Dogs	Honorable Mention
Isaiah L.	1st	Strasburg, IL	The Cat and the Store	Honorable Mention
Garrett E. H.	1st	Stewardson, IL	Finding Bruce (Broos)	Honorable Mention
Elisha E.	1st	Charleston, IL	The Bird that Lost its Song	Honorable Mention
Haylee L.	1st	Charleston, IL	Sneaky	Honorable

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Audrey W.	1st	Charleston, IL	The Fun of Christmas	Honorable Mention
Henry V.	1st	Shumway IL	The Adventures of Leo	3rd Place
Olivia K.	1st	Paris, IL	The Man Who Loves Space	Honorable Mention
Emma T.	2nd	Charleston, IL	The Flute Playing Ballerina Who Met Two Fairies	Honorable Mention
Deanna C.	2nd	Lovington, IL	The Little Girl and the Swim Team	1st Place
Alex B.	2nd	Louisville, IL	The Run Away Boy	Honorable Mention
Cody B.	2nd	Farina, IL	The Adventure Team	Honorable Mention
Logan F.	2nd	Louisville, IL	The Haunted Barber Shop	Honorable Mention
Macie G.	2nd	Louisville, IL	My Home	Honorable Mention
Grace LouAnn B.	2nd	Louisville, IL	At Home	Honorable Mention
Emma T.	2nd	Charleston, IL	Dessert Party Fun	3rd Place
Katie R.	2nd	Bluffton, SC	How I Got to Mars	2nd Place
Vanessa W.	3rd	Charleston, IL	The Author	2nd Place
Amanda B.	3rd	St. Jacob, IL	Susie the Dolphin	1st Place

“It was inspiring to read through the entries and see the enthusiasm and talent the children in our community have for writing and storytelling,” said Ke’an Armstrong, Educational Services, WEIU TV. “We are proud to offer the PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest as a fun and engaging way for East Central Illinois children to express their creativity while building key literacy skills. Each year WEIU TV looks forward to celebrating the talented children in our community and we wish the winners advancing to the national contest the best of luck.”

The annual PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest is a national initiative designed to promote the advancement of children’s literacy skills through hands-on, active learning. The Contest is made possible in part by financial support from Easy Student Publishing. It encourages children in grades K-3 to celebrate creativity by submitting their own original stories and illustrations.

The first place winners will advance to the national contest and a panel of esteemed judges, including Lisa Henson, Jeff Kinney and R.L. Stine will rank the top 12 finalists. National winners will be announced during the summer of 2013 and the winning stories will be featured on pbskids.org/writerscontest. National winners will receive prizes, including tablets, e-readers and MP3 players. Also, all participants will have the option to receive a print or digital version of *Highlights* magazine.

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WEIU's mission is to use its human and technological resources in partnership with others to benefit EIU and help make Charleston and the surrounding area a better place to live, learn, work and play. We do this by: Promoting community service through quality programming that engages and educates and through community outreach that has a positive impact.

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