

# DSEA Read Across America Student Contests



**2017 Book Focus:** “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt

**Contest Theme: Resolving Problems**

What do you think is the best way to solve a conflict/argument?

**Student Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Poster Drawing**

Grades K-3

Grades 4-8

**Video Entry**

Grades 4-8

Grades 9-12

**Essay Entry**

Grades 9-12

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***Parent/Guardian Approval***

This is a contest sponsored by the Delaware State Education Association (DSEA) for Delaware public school students. There is no monetary compensation for the use of the work. Please sign the release form below and return this sheet to your child’s teacher or send it directly into DSEA with the child’s contest entry. Your permission grants DSEA authorization and approval to publicize the child’s name, school and winning entry on DSEA’s website, and in local newspapers in the event that they are named a contest winner. **If you do not give permission below, your child will not be entered into the contest.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We **DO** give permission for my child’s name, image/photograph, and contest entry/work to be used as described in the contest Rules and Instructions. . We are willing to release these into the public domain and understand that no monetary compensation will be given for the use of the materials.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Contest Rules & Instructions



- Theme:** Disagreements happen. What do you think is the best way(s) to solve a conflict among friends?
  
- How to Enter:** Mail entries with this form to Read Across America Contest, DSEA, 136 E. Water Street, Dover, DE 19901.
  
- Deadline:** All entries must be received by the DSEA by 5 PM on Monday, February 13, 2017.
  
- Questions?** Contact Shelley Meadowcroft at DSEA by email at (Shelley.Meadowcroft@dsea.org) or phone (302-734-5834).
  
- All entries must be submitted with signed parent/guardian approval** or they will not be considered during the judging of the contest. If you have a group or class entry, please have one parent/guardian approval for each student involved included with the contest entry.
  
- All entries must be submitted with the first page of this form.
  
- Individual students, not groups, should submit poster drawings or essay entries.
  
- Posters should be no larger than 11x17 in size and reflect what you think is the best way to help solve a conflict among friends.
  
- Essays (high school students only) should be 600-800 words in length and have in-text citations, follow the APA format, and have a references page. The in-text citations should contain the author, date of publication, and the page number or site URL. Please consult your school librarian for assistance with the APA format. The essay should showcase how to best resolve conflict resolution or do a case study on a famous conflict resolution in history, and how that resolution came about.
  
- Video entries may be submitted by an individual student, group or a class of students who worked together on the project. Videos should be a maximum of three minutes in length and include a title as well as a credit listing of the students who worked on the project and the names of any teachers or paraprofessionals who advised or helped. Please submit videos on a DVD or flash drive. Entries can also indicate a URL address for YouTube. Only one video entry per student, group, or class. Videos should reflect what you think is the best way to solve a conflict among friends.
  
- All winners will be featured in an ad in The News Journal and Delaware State News on or around March 2nd, 2017 – Read Across America Day – and all winning artwork, essays, and videos will be posted on DSEA’s website.