



Dear Principal/Art Teacher/Camp Counselor:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Terri Rapoport and I am the president of *Teachers Against Prejudice (TAP)*, a non-profit organization composed of educators, parents, and other concerned citizens. Our mission is to increase awareness and examine the causes and roots of prejudice and discrimination; open dialogue with students and teachers from elementary school through college; and promote understanding, appreciation and respect for all through the critical exploration and analysis of film, art, television and other media.

We are conducting our **Sixth Annual Art Contest** to commence on June 21, 2010; the deadline is **midnight, October 31, 2010**. The winners will be notified by December 15, 2010 and, with permission, winning art entries will be posted on our website in 2011. This contest is open to all students enrolled in grades 1 through 4 in public and private schools, as well as those who are home schooled. We will have two separate categories: one for grades 1 and 2 and one for grades 3 and 4. The theme, judging criteria, and prizes are listed below. Winning entries from previous years can be viewed at: www.teachersagainstprejudice.org

We hope your teachers will work with their students on this important theme. We welcome and encourage their participation in this contest. We trust it will help hone students' critical thinking skills as well as provide a forum for their creativity. In addition, if any of the art teachers on your staff are interested in helping us judge the entries we receive, please have them contact us.

Criteria: Entries can be a painting, drawing, collage or other two-dimensional work. For contact purposes only, students *must* include their name, address, phone number, e-mail address (optional), school and grade. **All entries must be emailed or postmarked (CDs) by October 31, 2010.**

Prizes: First and second place prizes will be awarded:
First place: \$150 U.S. Savings Bond
Second place: \$100 U.S. Savings Bond

Comparable prizes will be awarded for those who reside outside of the United States

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We anticipate a good response and want to make sure that your students are included in this timely and relevant topic.

Sincerely,

Terri Rapoport

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President



Teachers Against Prejudice (TAP) Elementary School Art Contest

TAP is pleased to invite students to participate in our **Sixth Annual Art Contest, commencing June 21, 2010**. This contest is open to all students in elementary grades one through four, including students from private and public schools as well as home-schooled students. Students who instinctively enjoy the creative process are especially encouraged to participate.

Theme: Cooperation

Students learn and internalize stereotypes at a very young age; as a teacher, counselor, or parent you can help open minds and hearts. Please use the following theme, "Cooperation" to foster creativity and empathy. We look forward to seeing how your students and children visualize this timely, relevant theme.

As our world becomes smaller and we meet people from all different kinds of cultures, it is very important to learn to understand and appreciate each other. If we can learn to work together rather than fight or distrust each other, our world could become a better place to live. One way to learn about someone is to play with him or her. What kinds of games do you play? What games do you like or dislike? Some games and toys promote fighting and fierce competition, but others promote cooperation and working together. What kind of games or toys do you feel promote friendship, mutual understanding and playing together? Create a picture of how you play together.

When creating your work of art think about these questions:

- How many people can play at the same time?
- Can boys and girls both play?
- What equipment do you need?
- Do you play this indoors or outdoors?
- Do you think you could play this with people who speak a different language? How about people who have different abilities?

The subject of the artwork entry is to be the student's personal expression of "Cooperation" and may be in either descriptive or abstract form. Artwork will be judged on originality of design, clarity of theme message, and artistic merit.

Participation: Entrants will be divided into two groups by grade:

- **Group A**—1st and 2nd grades, as of September 1, 2010
- **Group B**—3rd and 4th grades, as of September 1, 2010

Entry Requirements:

- Only one piece per student.
- Entry may be a painting, drawing, collage, or other 2-dimensional work only.
- Only digital files will be accepted; photos or scanned images of artwork must be submitted in jpeg format (high resolution). Files may be emailed or sent on CD. We will not accept hard copies of artwork.

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TAP is a non-profit, grassroots, volunteer organization created by and for educators, students, parents, concerned citizens and community leaders. Our national office is in Connecticut and our members are from all over the world.

**Deadline for Submissions—October 31, 2010 (midnight)
Results decided by December 15, 2010; posted by January 31, 2011**



6th Annual TAP Art Contest Entry Form and Permission Slip

Artist Information

Name of Artist: _____

Age of Artist: _____

School: _____

Grade (as of September 1, 2010): _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Artist's Signature: _____

I/we understand that all winning art becomes the sole property of Teachers Against Prejudice and may be used for advertising and promotion by Teachers Against Prejudice without further consent, compensation, or approval.

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

**Entries must be postmarked (CDs) or emailed (jpeg format only)
by midnight, October 31, 2010**

**Send CDs with entry forms to:
Teachers Against Prejudice
2010 Art Contest
116 New Norwalk Road
New Canaan, CT 06840**

**E-mail submissions should be sent to:
contest@teachersagainstprejudice.org**