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PBS RENO WRITERS CONTEST

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**“A Special Power”
by Sadie**

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THE WINNERS!

KINDERGARTEN

- 1st Place: "A Broken Toilet" by Caisey**
Coral Academy of Science Elementary
- 2nd Place: "Perrito" by Daenerys**
Coral Academy of Science Elementary
- 3rd Place: "My Mom" by Tinsley**
Nancy Gomes Elementary School

FIRST GRADE

- 1st Place: "A Special Power" by Sadie**
Individual Entry
- 2nd Place: "Rocky the Special Rock Star!" by Ferguson**
Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada
- 3rd Place: "Lost Ball" by Enzo**
JWood Raw Elementary School

SECOND GRADE

- 1st Place: "Mom's Bhindi Masala" by Srialia**
Coral Academy of Science Elementary
- 2nd Place: "Martin Saved the World" by Emmett**
Brown Elementary School
- 3rd Place: "The Amazing Baker Lilly" by Lilly**
Caughlin Ranch Elementary School

THIRD GRADE

- 1st Place: "Todd the Turtle" by Sophia**
Westergard Elementary School
- 2nd Place: "The Story of Special" by Zoey**
Westergard Elementary School
- 3rd Place: "Special Difference" by Charlie**
Hunsberger Elementary School





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PBS member station, PBS Reno, serving northern Nevada and northeastern California, is proud to host the PBS Reno Writers Contest.

Few things capture a child's imagination like a good book. PBS Reno Writers Contest invites children, kindergarten through third grade, in communities across our area to use their boundless imaginations to create original stories and illustrations and then submit them to PBS Reno, their local PBS station.

This year, thousands of children from across northern Nevada and northeastern California participated in the PBS Reno Writers Contest, building their creative voices, and developing critical reading and writing skills.

Visit pbsreno.org/writerscontest to find out more about the contest, read the winning stories and watch the winners announce their stories.



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FIRST GRADE: 1st Place

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Individual Entry





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when he ran away.
I felt fearful as tears
ran down my cheeks.
Someone noticed and helped me.
She made me**



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tears ran down my cheeks.
Someone noticed and
helped me. She made me

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I decided to focus my attention
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Instantly his emotions
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I saw big raindrops falling.
I asked him why he was sad. He



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I told him that I noticed
he was sad. “My daughter
is missing.”



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Together we found the school bus
with a flat tire and his daughter
beside it. I saw a family taking
a walk. The girl was crying.
Instantly,



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her emotions appeared in my head, loud thunderstorms with lightning. I asked her why she was mad. Shocked, her mom turned to



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I smiled and said, "Everyone is
special to me and I want them
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