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CES Student Is a Top Finisher in GPB Writing Competition

Rising 3rd grader, Yazmine Gonzalez, submits one of the best out of hundreds of entries

June 7, 2022: The Evans County Charter School System (ECCSS) is pleased to announce that Yazmine Gonzalez, a rising 3rd grader at Claxton Elementary School (CES), has been named one of the top finishers out of hundreds of submissions in the Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) 2022 PBS KIDS Writers Contest.

The competition, hosted by GPB and modeled after the WNET Reading Rainbow® Young Writers and Illustrators Contest, is open to kindergarten through third grade students in Georgia. The contest is designed to create a lifelong love of literacy for participants. Students can write fiction or nonfiction, and each entry must have at least five illustrations created by the student.

Mrs. Paige Nobles, the CES teacher who used the competition as part of a research project for her students, said, “Although Yazmine’s story ‘The Bad Hurricane’ was fictional, she included facts about hurricanes and planets. The planets displayed teamwork when trying to save the world from a bad hurricane. Yazmine worked tirelessly on her illustrations and included speech bubbles for her characters. I’m proud of the research Yazmine did for this project, and I’m thrilled her entry is being recognized by GPB!”

Mrs. Julie Howard, CES principal, added, “When students are provided with an authentic audience coupled with the opportunity for critical thinking and problem solving, they become not only engaged learners but also engaged writers. We are so proud of Yazmine and her accomplishments!”

We expect excellence...no exceptions, no excuses!