

Art Teacher Information

Art students visually interpret poems for the *Verses and Voices Festival*. Through these visual poetic interpretations students learn to see, shape, and share the colors and images of creative words.

Our special guest for the Festival is Missouri Poet Laureate, David Clewell. Two of David's poetry books were placed in each middle and high school last year; ***Now We're Getting Somewhere*** and ***The Low End of Higher Things***.

Artwork may be submitted in two categories. Follow Interpretive Art Guidelines (see below).

Category 1: Art students may pick any of David Clewell's poems for visual interpretation.

Category 2: Art students may also interpret the poem *The Dream Ship* by St. Joseph's poet, Eugene Field. This poem is being set to music for choir and will be premiered at the Governor's Festival Concert in March 2012. Artwork of *The Dream Ship* will be featured at the Governor's concert.

Individual School Art Displays: Each school will display their own student's Festival Artwork from October 10 – 14. The art teacher will select a committee of their choosing to select and name the award recipients. Send the award recipient names to Mary Ann Haenni by October 14 for certificates to be printed and signed. (mhaenni@savannah3.com)

Festival Awards: Each school may award three awards for vision and creativity for the interpretive artwork in both Category 1 and Category 2; the First Lady's Award, the Superintendent's Award, and the Principal's Award. Each school may also select up to six Honorable Mention Awards to be placed in the *Festival Art and Poetry Display*.

Festival Art and Poetry Display: All award-winning artwork will be displayed at the *Festival Art and Poetry Display* on October 17 and 18. One artwork will receive a *Best in Show* award.