

REED'S READING TREE

2008 IDEAS

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed invites Indiana students to create an ornament for Reed's Reading Tree. Students can use this fun activity to apply their reading skills, artistic abilities and creativity at the same time. A selection of student ornaments will be displayed at the Indiana Statehouse during the month of December.

This learning activity is not designed to be prescriptive, but these ideas are offered for consideration:



Lincoln Bicentennial: Indiana is honoring Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday (February 12, 2009) with a bicentennial celebration that started in February 2008 and continues through 2010. Students ornaments could illustrate an event they read about from a selection on the Lincoln Book List (see www.doe.in.gov/lincoln).



Learn Green, Live Green: Dr. Reed made it a priority to "go green" in 2008, and we've encouraged students and schools across the state to do the same. Students can learn about and depict one of the many green initiatives featured online at www.doe.in.gov/green.



Your Idea: Have students draw a scene or character from a favorite book or story, or come up with your own idea to spark students' enthusiasm for art and reading.

★ GUIDELINES ★

Ornaments should follow these guidelines:

1. **Materials:** Be made of mostly recycled materials such as leftover ribbons, recycled paper, old yarn, empty and cleaned aluminum cans, etc.
2. **Size:** Be no larger than 5 inches by 5 inches by 5 inches (5" x 5" x 5"). Include a hanging loop made of ribbon, string, yarn, etc.
3. **Artist information:** Attach a completed entry form below OR print (legibly please) the student's full name, grade, school name/number, school address, teacher name, book title and author somewhere on the ornament.
4. **Mailed:** Send to the address below (postmarked no later than November 26, 2008).

Due to the overwhelming response to last year's reading tree, we ask that no more than five ornaments per school be submitted. We encourage schools to hold classroom or schoolwide contests to choose submissions or have students work together to create a collaborative ornament.

Student Name _____

Grade Level _____

School Name/Number _____

School Address/City _____

Teacher Name _____

Ornament Topic (*Lincoln, Green, etc.*) _____

Book Title _____

Book Author _____

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