

5th Grade Yearbook Cover Design Contest

Contest Guidelines & Tips

Welcome to the 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Design Contest! This is your chance to show your creativity and design the official cover of this year's Emerald Elementary School Yearbook and help capture the memories of the 2025-2026 school year.

Please read the instructions below before you start your design.

Contest Rules

- Your design must fit on a standard 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper (vertical).
- Your design should be your own **original work** – no tracing, clipart, or AI-generated images.
- One entry per student.
- Include the following in your design:
 - School name: **Emerald Elementary School**
 - School year: **2025 - 2026**

Tips for a Winning Design

- Think about what makes our school, community, or this year special. Can you include **fun memories, school activities, or symbols**?
- Use bold, bright colors so your cover stands out. Markers, colored pencils, and crayons are all great choices.
- Keep important artwork about a half inch from the edge of the paper on all sides to avoid anything being cut off.
- Be creative! Show your personality and have fun with your design.

Theme Ideas (Optional!)

Need help getting started? Use **one of these ideas** or create your own!

Otters Stick Together at Emerald

Show how our school community works, learns, and has fun together.

Growing Together at Emerald Elementary

Show how you've grown from kindergarten to fifth grade at Emerald.

Our Otter Journey — From K to 5

Show your journey as the **first class** to attend Emerald Elementary from K-5!

How to Submit

- Fill out a **submission form** (below) and paperclip or staple it to your artwork so we know who it belongs to – you don't need to write your name on the front or back of your design
- Submission deadline: Turn in your artwork to your teacher by **Friday, May 1**

What Happens Next?

- One winning design will be featured on the front cover of the yearbook.
- Runner-up designs may have their designs featured inside the yearbook.
- Winners will be announced at the beginning of May.

Be Creative & Have Fun!

This is your chance to leave your mark on your last elementary school yearbook. We can't wait to see your amazing ideas and artwork. **Good luck, 5th graders!**

5th Grade Yearbook Cover Design Contest Submission Form

Please fill out this form and attach it to your yearbook cover design when you turn it in. Entries must be submitted to your teacher by Friday, May 1.

Your Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

In your own words, describe your cover design:

By turning this in, you promise your design is your own and made for the yearbook contest.