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All the Heads of Independent Schools
Affiliated to CBSE

Sub: CBSE-KATHA - CREATIVE WRITING AND TRANSLATION COMPETITIONS

Dear Principal,

KATHA, a Indian publisher of children’s story books and translated fiction, has been working in the areas of creative writing and translation for nearly 25 years. **I Love Reading** is a programme to promote creative writing and translation among students **I Love Reading Project** seeks to nurture their creativity by giving them a platform to share their writing, thereby inspiring generations of future writers (More details in Annexure – 02). Participation in the competitions is free of cost

CREATIVE WRITING AND TRANSLATION COMPETITION

(Timeline of events in Annexure - 01)

STAGE -1: KATHA CLUBS

I Love Reading

- Affiliated schools will organize **On the Spot Writing Contest** in the following Categories:
 - Classes IV-VII : July-August 2013
 - Classes VIII- XII : July-August 2013
- The Principal shall verify and attest to the originality of the stories /translations, submitted by students, before uploading them onto the **Katha** website: www.katha.org
- Initially, students may submit their stories in Hindi or English.
[Sample narratives and tips for writing and translation are accessible on the website]
- All students may access the submitted stories/translations on the website and cast their vote online.

STAGE -2: REGIONAL WRITING WORKSHOPS

October-November 2013

- About 300-400 selected semi-finalists and their accompanying teachers will be invited to a Regional Writing Workshop.
- The semi-finalists will be given an opportunity to further develop and revise their submitted stories/translation under the guidance of professional writers, poets, and translators.
- At the conclusion of the Regional Writing Workshop, students will submit their stories for the **FINAL ROUND**.

STAGE -3: KATHA UTSAV
December 2013

- The submissions will be screened by experts who will select about 200 of the best entries for the **FINALS**.
- **The finalists and their teachers will attend the Katha Utsav in New Delhi.** The Katha Utsav will be a 3-day workshop held at the India Habitat Center, with master-classes by experts from the literary field.
- Katha will also organize meetings with publishers and literary agents.
- **A jury will announce prizes for the Best Story and Best Translation which will be published by Katha as BalKatha Prize Stories.**

For further details, schools may contact:

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