

## Judith Barr Fairbanks Essay Contest

The Judith Barr Fairbanks Essay Contest was founded by a devoted Sutter County educator, Judy Barr, in the memory of her daughter. Since 1991 fourth and fifth grade students were asked to write a “Letter Home” from the point of view of an early settler. Mrs. Fairbanks wanted students to have the opportunity to transport themselves back to a time filled with steamboats and stage coaches, gold seekers and farmers, and dreamers and doers.

Now third and fourth grade students are asked to reflect upon that same rich history and write an essay that focuses on a topic related to Sutter County. As a student of history, Judith Barr appreciated and understood that it is in looking back, and then building upon what we have learned, that we ultimately move forward.

Winning students are awarded cash prizes and, along with their parents and teachers, are feted at our Membership Meeting in April.

### 2015 winner



*Sofie Ramirez with president Sarah Pryor*