

NAVAKERALA

LITTLE BEE

GRADES: 1-4

DATE: MAY5, 2018

TIME: 9 AM- 2:00 PM

VENUE: MARTHOMA CHURCH HALL, 4740 SW 82nd AVE, DAVIE, FL 33328

REQUIREMENTS

A speller qualifying for the Nava Kerala Little Bee competition must meet these requirements:

- (1) The speller must not have passed beyond the 4th grade level
- (2) The speller must be local resident of Miami Dade, Broward or West Palm Beach counties.

The spelling bee subcommittee may disqualify prior to or during competition any speller who is not in compliance with any of the above Eligibility Requirements.

STUDY RESOURCES

1. PRILIMINARY ROUND: 100 CLASS SPECIFIC WORDS For example.. Grade 1 words for the grade one students.
2. GRAND FINALE ROUND

The first two words will be spelled from the above list . The pronouncer will include words from outside source for the grand finale to eliminate spellers, if no one is eliminated after two rounds.

OUTSIDE SOURCES INCLUDE:

450 General words

There is no semifinals for the little bee competition

PRELIMINARIES

ROUND ONE: WRITTEN ROUND

The Preliminaries of spelling bee consists of a paper based test consisting of 15 multiple choice questions. One point per each correctly answered vocabulary question. This part of the test will also be labeled as Round One. Only two spellers from each grade (Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4) will be eligible for the grand finale round. If there are more than 2 spellers from each grade who get the highest three scores, the pronouncer will ask one elimination question per candidate or will provide a written tiebreaker test of five questions to eliminate per round until everyone except the two toppers are selected per grade to the grand finale round.

Examples of the written round questions from grades 2-4

RESOURCES:

Grade specific List of 100 words (First grader will get words from the first grade list only)

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Priliminery round of 15 questions will be a combination of 3 models of questions.

First Model:

- a. _____ Meaning: Another word for test. Origin: greek
 - i. Exem
 - ii. Exam
 - iii. Exsam
 - iv. Eggsam

Second Model:

- b. Fill in the blanks

gra__ __ ma. Meaning: Mother's parent. Origin: English

i. nd ii. nt iii. nn iv. ne

Third model:

The pronouncer says a word directly After listening to the pronounced word, you will be given four choices to pick the right one or you will be asked to write the correct spelling in a piece of paper or you will be asked to spell it aloud.

Exception: First graders will be asked to spell a minimum 5 (five) words in the preliminary round. If required, the pronouncer and the judge can ask more questions as tiebreakers. The pronouncer will eliminate all except two spellers in the preliminary round.

GRAND FINALE

Only two spellers from each grade will be eligible for the grand finale. Grand finale consists of elimination rounds of oral spelling beginning with one word to spell for each competitors. If a speller spells it correctly they will stay in the competition until the last person is eliminated. If all spellers in a round misspell, all remain in the competition and a new round begins with the spellers spelling in their original order. If only one speller in a round spells correctly in a round, the speller is declared the champion. The second last person to get eliminated will get the second prize and the third person wins the third prize. For the grand finale round , if no one eliminated after two rounds, the pronouncer will use words from outside sources. Note: The pronouncer will ask grade specific words for the first two rounds and then may use from the outside source if no one is eliminated.

OUTSIDE SOURCE INCLUDE:

General words from grades 1-8, Word Central Website, Merriam Webster Online dictionary, and other spelling bee resources

Please note: The pronouncer has the authority to use some words from word central website and merriam Webster online dictionary (Outside source) to select the champions, if the spellers aren't easily eliminated in the grand finale round.

OFFICIAL DICTIONARY

Webster's Third New International Dictionary and its addenda section, copyright 2002, Merriam-Webster, (Webster's Third) is the final authority and sole source for the spelling of words.

TIME

During the Preliminaries: Spellers are subject to a maximum of 20-minute time limit for taking the test and can view a 20-minute countdown clock on screen as they take the test. If the 20-minute time period expires and the speller has not submitted the test, the test application will close and the speller's responses on record at that time will be scored by Bee officials.

During oral spelling rounds in Semifinals and Grand finale: The speller's time at the microphone has a limit of 2 minutes. Time begins when the pronouncer first pronounces the word. At the 30-second mark, the judges and pronouncer will not communicate with the speller during the final 30 seconds. The judges will disqualify any speller who does not provide a complete spelling before the expiration of time. If the judges and pronouncer need to discuss a competition-related matter while a speller is contemplating a word, they may pause the time clock, and they will inform the speller when they pause and resume the time clock.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The Nava Kerala committee will strive to provide accommodation for spellers who have diagnosed some medical conditions. All requests for accommodation of special needs should be directed in writing to the director of the Bee before April 22, 2018. The judges have discretionary power to amend spelling requirements on a case-by-case basis for spellers with diagnosed medical conditions.

THE OFFICIAL PRONOUNCER

The pronouncer strives to pronounce words according to the diacritical markings in Webster's Third Ed.

Homonyms: If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer indicates which word is to be

spelled by defining the word.

Speller's requests: In oral competition the pronouncer responds only to the speller's requests for repetition of the word's pronunciation, a definition, sentence, part of speech, language(s) of origin and alternate pronunciation(s). When presented with requests for alternate pronunciations, the pronouncer or associate pronouncer checks for alternate pronunciations in Webster's Third. If the speller wishes to ask if the dictionary lists a specific root word as the root of the word to be spelled, the speller must specify a pronunciation of the root (not a spelling), its language and its definition.

THE MAIN JUDGE

The main judge listens carefully, determine whether or not words are spelled correctly and uphold the rules. The decisions of the judge is final. The judge compares the pronouncer's pronunciation with the diacritical markings in the word list. If the judges feel that the pronouncer's pronunciation does not match the pronunciation specified in the diacritical markings, the judges will direct the pronouncer to correct the error as soon as it is detected.

JUDGES

Judges monitor the time, maintains the discipline, monitors the process and could disqualify for reasons other than clear misspelling. The judges will disqualify a speller (1) who does not approach the microphone when it is the speller's time to receive the word unless there are extenuating circumstances that, in the judges' sole discretion, merit holding the speller's word in reserve and offering it to the speller after all other spellers in the round have spelled and before the close of the round; (2) who engages in unsportsmanlike conduct; (3) who, in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; or (4) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

Speller activities that do not merit disqualification: The judges may not disqualify a speller (1) for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it, (2) for asking a question, or (3) for noting or failing to note the capitalization of a word, the presence of a diacritical mark, or the presence of a hyphen or other form or punctuation. Decision of the judging panel is final.

GRIEVANCES

Navakerala spelling bee competition is a leisure activity planned for uplifting our children. The participants and their significant others must maintain a friendly, cooperative attitude with the organizers and panel during and after the competition. Participants have rights to email a grievance to navakeralaspellingbee@gmail.com within 24 hours after the starting time of the competition. Judging panel will make the final decision on all grievances. By filling an application form for the spelling bee competition, the participants and their significant others are waiving off their rights to sue / or to take any legal actions against Navakerala Committee and the Spelling bee organizers.

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