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**Studenttreasures Celebrates 18 Million Published Student-Authored Books**

*26 classrooms at Mesquite Elementary were recognized for publishing their books with Studenttreasures and advanced to the National Book Challenge for a chance to win \$5,000.*

**TOPEKA, Kan., April 11, 2025** — Studenttreasures Publishing celebrated its 18 millionth published author by recognizing 26 classes at Mesquite Elementary in Tucson, Arizona, for writing, illustrating and publishing their own books. In addition to celebrating the published authors, one class was identified as the publisher of the 18 millionth student-authored book. It was announced that Emma Oberman's fifth-grade class was that publisher with a book titled, "2025 Our Class Future." As part of the celebration, the school was awarded a \$1,000 grant.

"This amazing program is something that has been a part of our school for quite some time—it is just something that is part of Mesquite Elementary School," Diane Vargo, Principal of Mesquite Elementary, said. "Every student should publish a classbook because when they get the final product in their hands, it shows how proud they are of what they did and they love sharing that with the school community. It's just amazing."

"We're celebrating these 26 classes and their teachers for achieving something most people only dream of—publishing their own books," Chad Zimmerman, President and CEO of Studenttreasures Publishing, said. "We're also celebrating the publication of 18 million student-authored books and recognizing Mrs. Oberman's fifth-grade class for helping us reach this meaningful milestone. We also wish the best of luck to the Mesquite Elementary students on their entry into the National Book Challenge for a chance to win a \$5,000 grant for their school!"

**About Studenttreasures Publishing**

For 30 years, Studenttreasures has helped 18 million students become proud, published authors. Named the "best free school publishing program," Studenttreasures provides an engaging, hands-on writing experience to classrooms across the United States and Canada. To learn more, visit <https://studenttreasures.com/>.

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