

# SmART Central



## SmART Competition Guidelines 2018

(Science Meets Art)

SmART is an art or craft made from re-using or re-purposing items originally used for something else. Up-cycling is taking used objects and creating something better. Students, show us how SmART you are!

This year's theme is "Tiny Houses." Students should create and decorate a house for a tiny bird, mammal, reptile/amphibian or insect. Please do research on the animal of your choice and take the needs of that animal into account when designing the house.

SmART will be judged using the following criteria. There will be four prizes awarded in each age group, plus three Best Of Show prizes.

Winning SmART will be displayed at the Orange County Public Library, Chickasaw Branch, through the end of June, 2018.

**Two Age Groups:** Grades 3-5 and 6-8

**Judging Criteria:** Use of pre-used objects, creativity, design, functionality, environmental impact/benefits. **SmARTists will be asked to describe what type of animal their house is for and why it is suitable for that animal.**

### Awards for each age group:

**Awesome Artisan** (most useable/functional piece)

**Mad Scientist** (most transformative use of objects)

**Amazing Artist** (most artistic piece)

**Guardian of the Planet** (most environmentally friendly)

**Best of Show:** First, second, and third place prizes for highest scores overall.

**Grand Prize!** The first place best of show submission will win a "SmARTist" plaque for their school to hang with pride. The plaque will be retrieved in March 2018 so it can be passed on to the next winning school.

**Submission Criteria:**

The submitted work must be made predominantly of pre-used items. We are looking for work that takes something used and makes it better!

SmART should not contain items that are harmful to the environment, including animal products (no feathers, bones, nests, leather, etc.)

See [www.CFEarthDay.org/WhyVegan](http://www.CFEarthDay.org/WhyVegan)

Research is part of this project! Please design a house that suits the needs of your small animal of choice.

Every submission should include information on the animal the house is for, written on an index card.

**Please choose an animal that is no bigger than a squirrel.** Some examples are; mice, frogs, lady bugs, bats, and birds.

The base (floor) of the house should be no bigger than a sheet of letter-sized paper (but may be as small as you like).

Design a house that an animal would be proud to show off to his/her friends. Be creative!

Please write your name, grade, and school on the house..

**Deadlines:**

**March 30** - online registration for intent to submit work is due.

[www.CFEarthDay.org/SmART](http://www.CFEarthDay.org/SmART)

**April 18/19** - projects submitted to SmART Central (after you submit your online application you will be given times and location to drop off your work. Teachers may drop off for their students).

**April 21** - Central Florida Earth Day! Art will be displayed outdoors at SmART Central at Lake Eola Park. Winners will be announced during a ceremony at 4:00 pm that afternoon.

\*Please try to make your work wind-proof. It will be displayed outside.

WE ENCOURAGE SmARTists TO ATTEND THE JUDGING SO THEY CAN EXPLAIN THEIR SmART. JUDGING TIME 2:00 pm.

Projects must be picked up at the festival after the awards ceremony, or, if kept for display, from Orange County Library Chickasaw Branch the last week of June.

### **SmART Checklist:**

Please check off these items before submitting SmART.

Pre-register your SmART at [www.CFEarthDay.org/SmART](http://www.CFEarthDay.org/SmART) by March 30, 2018

Is the floor of your Tiny House no bigger than a sheet of letter-sized paper?

Does your project have your name, grade, and school on it?

Did you include a written description of the animal your house is for?

Did you include the SmART release form signed by your parent?

Have fun with your project! We are looking forward to seeing all of the great SmART!