

## **MONTHLY THEMES AND DEADLINES 2018**

January----- TREES -----December 3 2017  
February----- MUSEUMS -----January 3 2018  
March----- DO YOU HAIKU -----February 3 2018  
April----- FINDING TREASURES-----March 3 2018  
May----- MEET ME IN SAINT LOUIS -----April 3 2018  
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## 2018 GAK THEMES Explanation

January

Trees

Trees are vital. They give us oxygen, store carbon, steady the soil and give life to the world's wildlife. Whether it be a huge sequoia or small as a draft cypress, they give us with the materials we need for tools and housing and air to breathe.

February

Museums

Museums house collection of artifacts. Some historical, spooky, artsy. I'm sure you will get creative with this theme!

March

Do You Haiku?

The word "**Haiku**" has two syllables: Hai-ku; "**Haiku**" is a centuries old traditional form of Japanese poetry. **Haiku** poems consist of 3 lines. The first and last lines of a **Haiku** have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. We are looking for stories or poetry for kids.

April

Finding Treasures

Fun, fond memories, or mysteries that unfold in a treasure hunt.

May

Meet Me in St. Louis

From its western banks along the Mississippi River to the Missouri River lapping on its northern edge St. Louis, Missouri is filled with history, fun, art, and the baseball Cardinals.

June

By Kids for Kids

Sorry adults, this one is for kids. By kids, for kids. Ages 5-17 are welcome to submit but must have parental permission and have access to an adult PayPal account.

July

Feathered Friends

These creatures with feathers and wings are not only fascinating to watch, but they serve the environment in so many ways. Some are beautiful some are scavengers. They all have a purpose.

**August**                      **Hot Summer Nights**

What do you do on a hot summer night? How do you keep cool? Or, how do you spend those last days of summer before the school bell rings once again.

**September**                      **All About Grammar**

Nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, hanging participles ... all this can make your head spin into a good story for kids.

**October**                      **Boo-Hoo, Boo-Boo**

A boo-boo is a minor injury like a scratch or bruise. Something that may only need a band aid.

**November**                      **Sky Views**

Lots of amazing beautiful places on this earth, but what happens when we look down on it all from the sky.

**December**                      **Holiday Traditions**

Holiday tradition stories and poems.