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**Orangeburg Middle School Student to Receive Surprise
In-Class Presentation as Winner of Statewide Art Contest**
*The South Carolina Education Association representatives will
Present prizes as result of **Read Across South Carolina** art contest*

(Orangeburg) The South Carolina Education Association will present William J. Clark Middle School student Joceline Irick with her Best in Show Award from the **Read Across South Carolina** art contest on Wednesday, March 1 at 4:00 pm at William J. Clark Middle School.

Representatives of The South Carolina Education Association will make a surprise presentation to Joceline in her art program. Her teacher Malissa Wright has been notified Joceline is the Best in Show winner and helped coordinate the surprise announcement. Limited edition tee shirts printed with Joceline's prize-winning artwork will be given to students in her program. Other prizes include:

- \$300 for Joceline Irick
- An EdVenture Family Pass and Lunch for Joceline and her family
- \$150 for her teacher Malissa Wright

The **Read Across South Carolina** art contest was designed to promote literacy and art across South Carolina by encouraging K-12 public school students to use various media to produce artwork using the theme **Unity in Education**, to commemorate the 50-year merger of the Palmetto Education Association and South Carolina Education Association. This second state-wide **Read Across South Carolina** art contest brought in more than 80 entries from kindergarten through high school age students from across the state. Judges selected winners from different grade divisions, K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Joceline's artwork was chosen as the Best in Show winner, taking top honors.

All of the winning artwork, will be displayed at the EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia. The presentation this Wednesday, March 1 will take place at 4:00 pm at William J. Clark Middle School, at 919 Bennett Street, 29115.

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