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STEPPED-UP CAMPAIGN FOR KIDS' HUMOROUS WRITING MISTAKES
BEGINS WITH THE OPENING OF SCHOOL IN JANUARY

THE LATEST SUBMITTALS FEATURED ON BOOK WEB SITE

Now that schools are reopening in January, a new campaign for the humorous writing mistakes of kids will be launched for a forthcoming book, tentatively entitled *FROM THE PENS OF KIDS*, by internationally-known author Gini Graham Scott, Ph.D., a sociologist and anthropologist specializing in popular culture. The book will be published by Sasquatch Books and will feature humorous mistakes from all grade levels – from elementary school to college.

The book has already gotten growing interest from English and language teachers, as well as other teachers. And some feel the book can help to promote awareness of the “appalling state of English language usage”. As retired college professor, William J. Betts, author of *SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT*, wrote: “The language is in a wretched state. Those of us who have taught English have failed miserably.”

Some of the most common failings reflected in the many submissions include mistakes in spelling and choosing the wrong word, generally to substitute a more familiar word. And sometimes kids make up their own words and meanings.

Yet in humor there is hope. So the call is out for more submissions, extended to March 15, 2005, because of the keen interest in the book and Web site. And here are

some of the latest funny quotes featured at the www.kidsmistakes.com Web site: “Julius Cesar was killed by the Aides of March,” “A rolling stone gathers no mess,” and “A jester is known for telling jokes and keeping his balls in the air,” “Where there’s a will, there’s a weigh,” “An octopus has 10 testicles,” and “I always took my boyfriend for granite.”

Do you have examples of funny kids’ writing mistakes or know anyone who does? Humorous mistakes are sought in all types of subjects -- from history, science, and literature to personal relationships, everyday life, and the way the world works. No names of kids will be used in the book, but a credits section will include anyone submitting a contribution.

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