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### **Elementary School Students Recognized in waterSmart Contest**

**Marietta, GA** (January 24, 2024) - Cobb County Water System (CCWS) and Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) congratulate the winning students of the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Tappy Turtle Coloring Book Contest.

This year's winners are: Grant L. from King Springs Elementary School; Evelyn Z., Alexander C., and James G. from Mountain View Elementary School; Anais D. and Zara O. from Varner Elementary School; Angie A. from Sanders Elementary School; Jacqueline L. from Powers Ferry Elementary School; Maria R. from Green Acres Elementary School; Ayesha S. from Bells Ferry Elementary School; Laila W. from Hendricks Elementary School; Daniela S., Adriana A., and Milagros G. from LaBelle Elementary School; and Ellie M. from Blackwell Elementary School.

Daniela S. from LaBelle Elementary School is the cover art winner. She showed how rain barrels help save and reuse water for plants and gardens.

Fourth and fifth grade students submitted their hand-drawn artwork featuring CCWS' water conservation mascot, Tappy Turtle, demonstrating water conservation tips. The contest received more than 270 entries from eleven Cobb County and City of Marietta elementary schools.

The Adventures of Tappy Turtle 2024 coloring book presents water conservation tips in English and Spanish. It will be distributed throughout the community and is available for free download at [www.cobbcounty.org/watersmart](http://www.cobbcounty.org/watersmart).

This contest is a collaborative program of CCWS and CCMWA. The waterSmart program was created in 2000 by CCMWA to educate their service area residents of all ages about the importance of indoor and outdoor water conservation.

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