



July 20, 2026

Payne County Principals and Teachers

RE: 2026 Payne County Free Fair: Coloring Contest and Essay Contest

Dear Principals and Teachers:

Please participate in the 2026 Kid's essay and coloring contests! Thank you for your support. Last year we had 867 Payne County children participate!

Please mark the teacher's name and school clearly on all submissions. Please have the students for 2nd and 3rd grades write five sentences and draw their own picture on one page.

The essay topic this year is " **What do like about the Payne County Fair?**" The Fair Board has approved a total of \$991.00 in prizes for students and teachers for this contest. Along with the cash prizes, we are offering free carnival ride bracelets to the first-place winners as shown below.

CASH PRIZES	1ST PLACE	2ND PLACE	3RD PLACE	4TH PLACE	5TH PLACE	TEACHERS WITH MOST ENTRIES
PRE-KINDERGARTEN (COLORING CONTEST)	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$30.00
K- 1 ST GRADE (COLORING CONTEST)	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$30.00
2 ND -3 RD GRADE (5 SENTENCES ESSAY & DRAW)	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$30.00
4 TH & 5 TH GRADE (50-100-WORD ESSAY)	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$30.00
6 TH -7 TH GRADE (100-150-WORD ESSAY)	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
8 TH -9 TH GRADE (150-200-WORD ESSAY)	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
10 TH -12 TH GRADE (200-250-WORD ESSAY)	\$85.00	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$30.00

Please submit the entries by 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 27, 2026, to the Payne County Expo Center, 4518 Expo Circle East, Stillwater, OK 74075.

If you need the picture for the Pre-K and/or Kindergarten and 1st grade student's coloring contest, please call DeeDee Shenold at the main office at (405) 377-1275. You may also go to www.pcexpoctr.com to print of the packet. Thank you for your help. Please call if you have any suggestions.

Sincerely,

Mike D. Smith

Essay and Coloring Contest Superintendent

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Teacher Prize Submission Form

Please submit this form to qualify for the teacher prize money.
In case of a tie, the winner will be based on past participation.

Teacher Name

School Name

School Phone Number

Cell Phone

Number of Students Participating in Contest: _____

Total Number of Students: _____



*What changes or comments would you suggest for next year?

*Do you have an essay topic for next year?

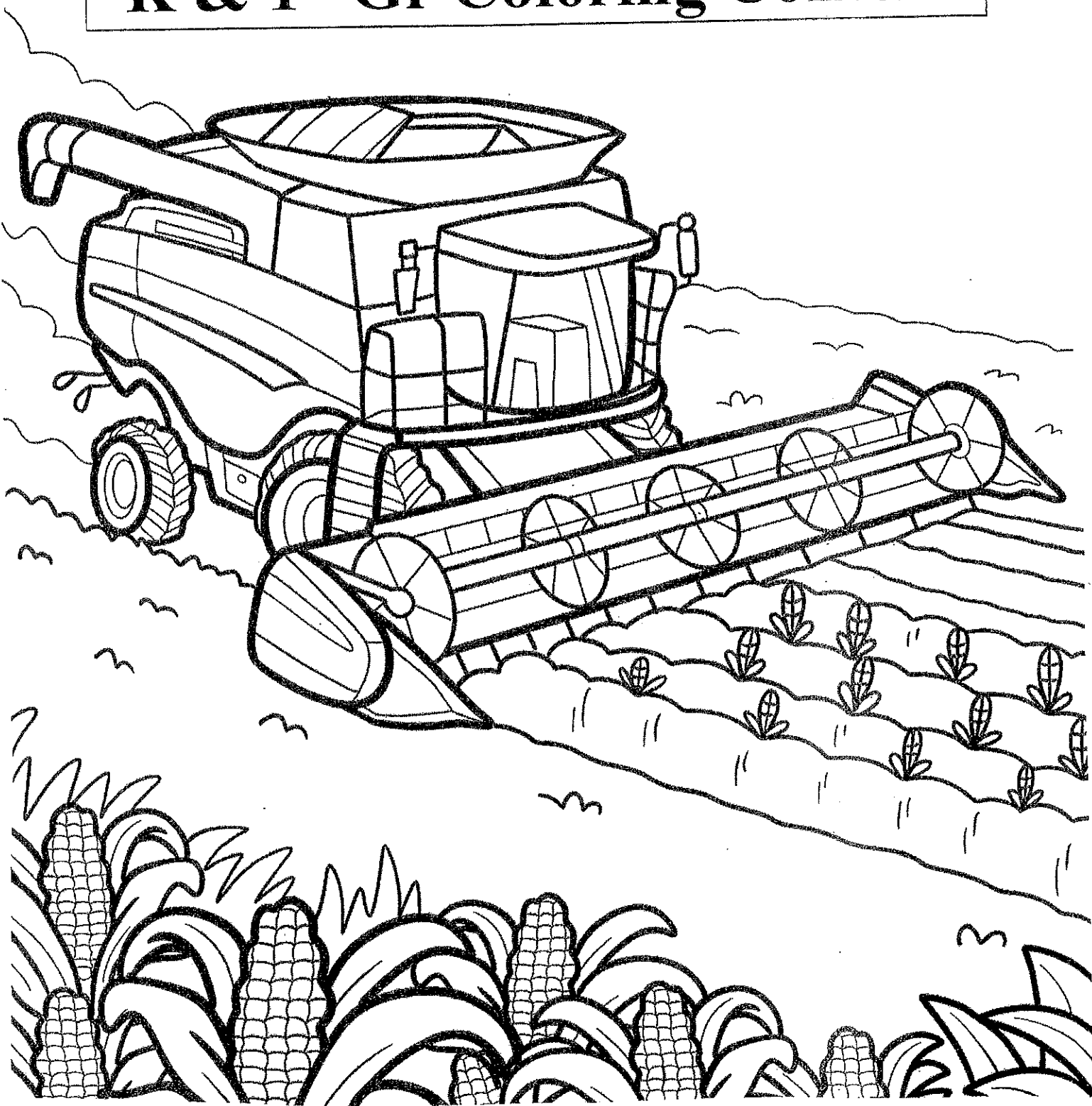
2026 Payne County Fair Pre-K Coloring Contest



Name:
Grade:
School:

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K & 1st Gr Coloring Contest



Name:
Grade:
School: