

Local Sixth Grader Becomes Published Author

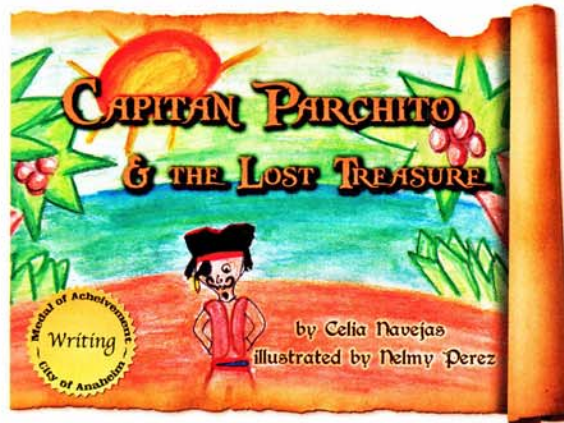
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY STUDENT CELIA NAVEJAS WILL SOON BECOME A PUBLISHED AUTHOR.

After being assigned to write about a pirate in class, Navejas became inspired to write a short story. Her story titled “Captain Parchito and the Lost Treasure” tells the story of a pirate looking for riches. The story is set to be published this summer by Red Ant Publishing. For every 500 books sold, Red Ant Publishing will put \$100 in a scholarship fund in Celia’s name for library supplies.

Navejas, along with Nelmy Perez, a fellow student who did the illustration, were honored in a celebration this past January. The celebration was held at Benjamin Franklin Elementary, and both girls received \$150 for the rights to their work, which they hoped to use to start their college funds. In addition to the check presentation, Red Ant Publishing held a book reading and signing of their current book,

“The Quiet Lion.” For each book that was bought before the event, Red Ant Publishing donated \$5 to the school’s library. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help to replace 500 books that were destroyed in a recent roof collapse.

To learn more about Navejas’ book, visit www.redantpublishing.com.



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