**Project: Write Your Own Children’s Book!**

**(Using Art, Music, Video/Drama, and Kinesthetics)**

1. Bring in your **favorite book** or a story you really like. If you do not have a favorite book, please go to the library to choose one like you like. This book will be a model for the book you will write.
2. We have read at least **7 different genres** of short books in the class: fantasy, science fiction, mystery/adventure, drama, horror, biography, and fable/fairy tale/myth.
3. You will **choose a genre** **for your book**. It should be a narrative story but it can be *based on* a true story if you want. Pretend you are writing it for children of your age (and make sure you have pictures). Your book could be:
   1. ***Fantasy-*** *something that can’t happen in real life.* *Example: “Harry Potter”*
   2. ***Science Fiction-*** *a story that uses science but it’s not real life (yet). Example: Star Wars*
   3. ***Mystery-*** *when there is a question and the character doesn’t know the answer, but he’s looking for the answer.* *Example: Sherlock Homes*
   4. ***Adventure-*** *when the characters go on an exciting trip and never stay in the same place.* *Example: Everest*
   5. ***Drama-*** *a sad story or a story with strong feelings. Example: Fish in a Tree*
   6. ***Horror-*** *a scary story. Example: The Ring*
   7. ***Biography-*** *a true story about someone’s life., usually a famous person.* *Example: The Biography of Albert Einstein.*
   8. ***Fable/Fairytale/Myth-*** *fictional stories that have a lesson or moral at the end.* *Example: Aesop’s Fables*
   9. ***Comedy-*** *a funny story.* *Example: Minions*
4. You will complete the following to **prepare for your story**:
   1. Brainstorm and write 2-5 different possible **summaries** for the plot of your story, either in paragraph or story mountain form.
   2. Complete a final **story mountain** (it must have at least 8 events and an introduction, climax, and resolution)
   3. Write two **different endings** based on the story mountain
5. You will write a **first draft** of your story on your iPad or computer. Your story must be an absolute **minimum of 500 words.**
6. For every page or topic, you must **draw a picture illustrating it** in some way (start with a sketch of what you plan to do in the final version).
7. When you are ready to publish, **print out your story** on the computer and glue your typed words on each left-hand page in the blank book, and **put your final illustration** on the right-hand page.
8. You will include the following in the final version of your book:
   1. ***Illustrated title*** *on the front cover*
   2. ***Title page*** *(you can add a dedication if you want)*
   3. ***Table of contents*** *IF you have chapters*
   4. ***Glossary of difficult words.*** *These words should be a combination of all of the words we learned in class that you used and extra words you don’t think students will understand.*
   5. ***About the Author*** *in the inside back cover. This should be a short biography.*
   6. ***Summary of the story*** *on the back cover*
9. You will learn the following **English topics** necessary to write the story and you must use it in your story:
   1. *Past tense irregular verbs*
   2. *Present progressive*
   3. *Past progressive*
   4. *Prepositions*
   5. *Singular/plural forms*
   6. *Suffixes and parts of speech*
   7. *Transition words*
   8. *Punctuation and capitalization*
   9. *Other topics according to what you need*
10. You will use as many **new vocabulary words** that we learned in class as possible, with a **minimum of 10**. These words will come from words you recorded in your notebook from the books we read to prepare for the assignment. I encourage you to use a bilingual dictionary, thesaurus, English dictionary. You can also ask me for help anytime.
11. You will record a **video advertising your story** to others. You can also choose to do a **skit/play of your book** and record it and home or at school.
12. You will **write a song** in English about your book using the melody of your favorite song.
13. You can choose to do 1 of the following:
    1. ***Dress up as your favorite character*** *in the book*
    2. ***Create a dance*** *about the book*
    3. ***Bring in something interesting*** *related to your book and talk about it (for example, food that they ate or an item from the story).*
14. When you **publish**, you will scan each page and publish it **online!**