

Dear Parents/Guardians -

April 26, 2019

We have just begun Young Authors 2019. Students have spend the last few days brainstorming ideas and really thinking about the type of story they'd enjoy writing. This year, the expectation for all 3rd graders is to write a narrative story/picture book that includes dialogue.

Our goal is to really drive home the basic elements of a story. All books must include:

- A title
- 2 or more characters
- A setting (clear time and place)
- A clear beginning, middle and end
- A clear problem and solution/resolution
- A minimum of 10 pages front and back that includes drawings/illustrations (pages may be organized any way students choose)

We will be diligently working in class this week and next drafting our stories in our writing notebooks. Final drafts will be sent home Friday May 10th to officially “publish” (turn them into a book). Students may either type or handwrite their published book.

We encourage students to bind their books in a more “student friendly” way than just taking it to the copy store and having a spiral binding put on. Please refer to the following websites for ideas.

http://www.metacafe.com/watch/768339/best_homemade_book_binding/

<http://pinterest.com/adcreek/book-binding-creative-binding-ideas/>

<http://hubpages.com/search/?s=book+binding+ideas>

<http://www.philobiblon.com/piper.shtml>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Bind-a-Book>

Bound books are due no later than Friday, May 17th.

If you have any questions or concerns please let us know as soon as possible.

Thanks,

The 3rd Grade Team