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8TH Grade Project “Memory Book”

Project Overview:

You will write a book of memories. It will consist of memories and thoughts from your life. You will be entering high school next year, and this memory book will be a project you can look back on to see where you came from and where you thought you were going. Your finished book will be due near the end of the 4th quarter; however, we will begin now and work on it regularly for the remainder of the year in order to complete it on time, without rushing. You will have some class time to work on writing the chapters. However, you will have minimal class time to work on the final project, and the rest will be completed at home.

Book Format:

The final product will be presented to me in book form. It must be bound, not stapled. Most students choose to do it in a scrapbook. Your cover may have drawings or pictures pasted on the outside cover, inside cover, and spine. Your cover should be cardstock or some other sturdy material. It should be typed using the typing guidelines that we will go over in class.

Content:

Your Book of Memories must include 8 Chapters, a Table of Contents, a Dedication Page, and an Epilogue.

FINISHED BOOK (INCLUDING COVER, PICTURES, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC.)

Due Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Grading:

If your Book of Memories is complete and shows creativity and thought, your overall grade will be an A. The more thorough and creative you are in decorating your book cover, pages, and sections, the higher your grade will be. Possible ideas for decoration may include drawings, pictures, photographs, newspapers, or brochures. Any book that does not contain all 8 chapters, table of contents, dedication page, and epilogue will receive a lower grade, regardless of how fancy it is. Any book that has been obviously “thrown together” demonstrates an extreme lack of effort will be graded accordingly.

- All deadlines above must be met on time. A rubric will be given for each chapter assignment and a point value will be assigned. Each chapter should be 25 sentences.
- Your final project will be a major portion of your fourth quarter grade. I highly recommend you begin developing ideas without hesitation.
- Common Conventional errors (spelling, punctuation) should not exist in your writing.
- ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS! THERE SHOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS!

Chapter 1: "Who Am I?"

Who are you? Where do you live? What are your life goals? How do you expect to reach those goals?

DUE: Wednesday, September 13

Chapter 2: "I Grew Up Here"

Describe your town, neighborhood, and community. Also, in this chapter discuss houses or places you have lived. Include things about your house or neighborhood that you like.

DUE: Wednesday, October 4

Chapter 3: "School Bells"

Your earliest years in school – Pre-K through grade 4 -- learning to read, special school programs, special teachers and special friends, favorite subject...

DUE: Wednesday, October 25

Chapter 4: "Middle School"

Grades 5-8: Fears, emotions, how you have changed, teachers, friends, activities, successes, heartbreaks

DUE: Wednesday, November 15

Chapter 5: "Let's Take a Vacation"

A memorable trip you took with family or friends or a trip you would like to take DUE: Wednesday, December 13

Chapter 6: "I Wish I Could See ____ Again"

Tell about a childhood friend(s) or other person that you have little or no contact with anymore but would like to see again. (Fill in the blank with the person's name.)

DUE: Wednesday, January 17

Chapter 7: "High School Expectations"

What do you expect high school to be like? What are your fears? What are you looking forward to most? Where do you expect to be in 10 years?

DUE: Wednesday, February 14

Chapter 8: Expectations for life after high school

What do you want to do after high school? Where do you want to go to college? What do you want to do for a living? Do you want to move? Etc.

DUE: Wednesday, March 13

Epilogue: "If I could change one thing about my character, I would...." This chapter can be 10 sentences.

DUE: Wednesday, March 27

***Don't forget to write your dedication page. It goes in front of your finished book. The dedication page will be 2-3 sentences. It is written to someone you would like to dedicate your book to, be sure to explain why you want to dedicate your book to that person. This will not be turned into the teacher to be graded before the final book.**

Graded chapters will be returned to the students. It is then the student's responsibility to make the edits before printing the chapters for the book. All of the graded chapters will need to be turned in with the final book.

Please ask plenty of questions! I am here to help you create a wonderful keepsake of your years at Bartelso Elementary. 😊