**Children’s Literature Writing Project**

For our next unit in English 9 Honours, you will be creating and writing your own children’s book. I will also be exploring the possibility of having our class visit Nelson Elementary in mid-June to read our books to a Kindergarten and/or Grade One class there. Fun!

Your children’s book can be on any topic you like; however, you must ensure the subject matter, wording and illustrations are all appropriate for and accessible to our target audience **(children aged 5-6 years of age).**

* **Your book, at 350-450 words in length, should be spread over 18-22 pages *including* the cover with title page, dedication page and back cover**.
* You must achieve a balance between text and illustrations on each of the pages so carefully planning your page design is integral to this assignment. It is important to remember that most young children look to the pictures in a book first to anticipate what will be read on a given page so it’s essential that you coordinate your images with your text.

*\*I am aware that some people have as little talent with art as I do (though I suspect few of you are truly as bad at it as I am) so for the illustration portion of this project, you are welcome to recruit the talents of a more artistic friend, if they’re willing, to do the pictures for you. If you do this, ensure you credit them as the illustrator on your title page.*

**Grading Criteria**

You will complete a pre-writing planning form which will be marked as your brainstorm (max 10 marks [extending]). Due May 30/23.

You will complete a cell planning sheet which essentially roughs out text and images for every page of your book; this will also be marked as part of the brainstorming process for this project (max 16 marks [extending]). Due June 5/23.

You will be given a number of classes (June 5, 7 and 9) to work on the drafting of your book; **I will be assessing how well you are working and focusing during those classes and factoring that into your overall mark** (max 26 marks [extending]).

Your finished children’s book will be graded using the six point scale (max 48 marks [extending]).

**Your children’s book project is due on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.**