**The Picture Book Project!**

For this project, you will plan, write, illustrate, and produce your own original children’s picture book. You will be working in pre-assigned groups of 3. Your picture book should meet the following requirements:

* The story must be a **retelling of Franz Kafka’s story *The Metamorphosis***, written for children.
	+ You must use the same characters as *The Metamorphosis*.
	+ The story must follow the plot of *The Metamorphosis*.
* Your story should be **300-500 words**.
* Your book should be at least **10 pages,** but no more than **20 pages**.
* The text of your book should reflect proper grammar, conventions, and spelling. The text may be typed or hand-written.
* The illustrations should be fully colored and show effort, creativity, and neatness. I understand that not everyone is Rembrandt, but everyone is capable of putting time and energy into his or her artwork.
* You must complete and turn in the following components:
	+ Story Draft (20 points) – **Due tomorrow, Wednesday, October 1st**
	+ Storyboard (20 points) – **Due tomorrow, Wednesday, October 1st**
	+ Finished Product (60 points) – **Due Monday, October 6th**
* Your finished product will be graded according to the following rubric:

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| CATEGORY  | **6**  | **4**  | **2**  | **0**  |
| **Creativity**  | The story contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader’s enjoyment. The author has really used his imagination.  | The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader’s enjoyment. The author has used his imagination.  | The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions, but they distract from the story. The author has tried to use his imagination.  | There is little evidence of creativity in the story. The author does not seem to have used much imagination.  |
| **Illustrations**  | Original illustrations are detailed, attractive, creative and relate to the text on the page.  | Original illustrations are somewhat detailed, attractive, and relate to the text on the page.  | Original illustrations relate to the text on the page.  | Illustrations are not present OR they are not original.  |
| **Spelling and Punctuation**  | There are no spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft.  | There is one spelling or punctuation error in the final draft.  | There are 2-3 spelling and punctuation errors in the final draft.  | The final draft has more than 3 spelling and punctuation errors.  |
| **Requirements**  | All of the written requirements (# of pages, talking animals, word count, moral/lesson, etc.) were met.  | Almost all (about 90%) the written requirements were met.  | Most (about 75%) of the written requirements were met, but several were not.  | Many requirements were not met.  |
| **Moral of the Story**  | The moral or lesson is easy to understand, and is logical. There are no loose ends.  | The moral or lesson is easy to understand, and is somewhat logical.  | The moral or lesson is a little hard to understand.  | There is no moral or lesson or it is impossible to understand.  |

**Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/30 x2 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/60**

**(Story Draft) +\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/20**

**(Storyboard) + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/20**

**You will have ALL WEEK PLUS MONDAY to work on your picture book. It is due MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.**