

Dear Students & Parents,

I am very excited to announce that our class will be creating and writing **"MY LIFE"** our very own **PUBLISHED HARDCOVER AUTOBIOGRAPHY BOOK!**

In this packet, you will find all the necessary rough draft pages and directions that are needed in order to complete your book.

Each day we will work on our autobiographies in class during Writers Workshop. If (by Thursday) you do not complete the writing assignment for the week, it will become homework due the next day, so be sure to stay focused in class each day during Writer's Workshop! We have 6 weeks to complete our books by **Friday, May 2** and then your book will be sent off for publishing!

Remember, this book will be cherished and treasured for many years so **DO YOUR BEST** but most importantly, **HAVE FUN!!!**

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lands

"MY LIFE" PUBLISHING BOOK GUIDE AND GUIDELINES
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GUIDELINES:

Below you will find the individual directions and example of EACH page for your Autobiography. Please refer to these pages for any information on HOW to complete the page you are working on!

PAGE 1: ACROSTIC POEM

(Poem)

Directions:

Use your name to write an acrostic poem. Remember to use Descriptive words, loves, fears, interests

For example:

MRS. LANDS

M My favorite thing to do is teach

R Reading is my friend

S Students tell me jokes all day

L Laughing til the end!

A All I wanted was to be a teacher

N Nothing less & nothing more

D Doing what I love makes my life complete

S So I am living my dream, for sure

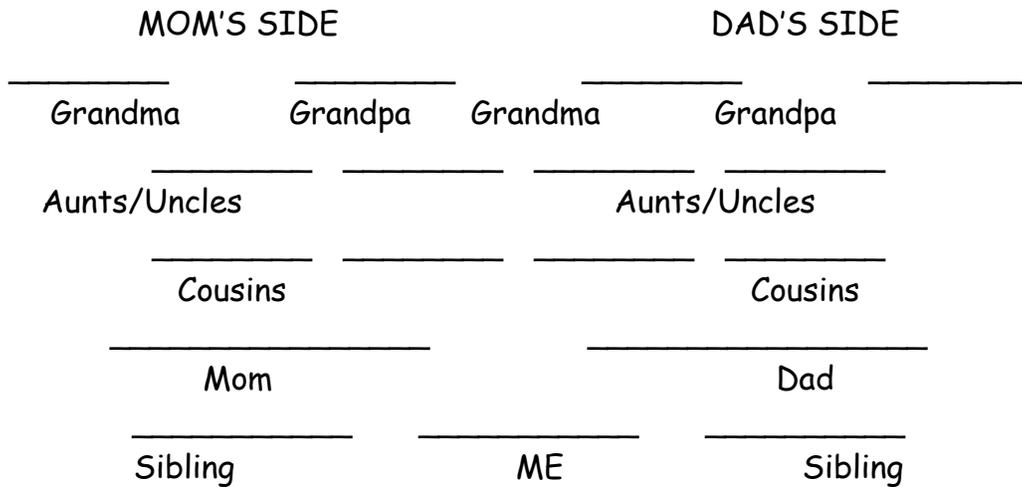
PAGE 3: FAMILY TREE

(Research)

Directions:

Every family is special and unique in their own way!! Please feel free to modify this tree or re-create your own in any way that your family needs.

For example:



PAGE 5: PARENT INTERVIEW

(Research)

Directions:

Please complete with your child asking YOU the questions and YOUR CHILD recording your responses!

For example:

- Which hospital and city was I born in?
- What city did we live in when I was born?
- How big was I when I was born?
- Why did you choose my name for me? Is there special meaning to my name?
- What is your favorite baby memory of me?
- What was my first word?
- What is your favorite toddler memory of me?
- When I was a toddler, what were my favorites?
- Food? Toy? Friend? Activity?

PAGE 7: SCHOOL YEARS

(Descriptive Narrative)

Directions:

Write about your all time favorite SCHOOL memory. It could be from this year or from years past. Maybe one of your all time favorite memories was when we went to the Marin Museum of the Native American or to see the Seussical at Hillcrest, perhaps it was meeting Guy Fieri. Whatever your favorite memory was, use descriptive words to demonstrate your experience.

For example:

I woke up snuggly warm in sleeping bag, opening my eyes to look around our cabin. I suddenly remembered we were at Clem Miller! Last night at the camp fire was so fun! We learned how to make fire, the storyteller told amazing stories and we walked with flashlights on back to camp....

PAGE 9: FAVORITE MEMORIES

(Descriptive Narrative)

Directions:

Write about your all time favorite memory OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL. It could be a sleepover you had at a friend's house or a soccer game you won with your team. Maybe one of your all time favorite memories was when you visited your grandma's house or when another family member came to visit you. Whatever your favorite memory was, use descriptive words to demonstrate your experience.

For example:

I woke up in the morning to find out that my mom was in the hospital and my little brother would be born sometime that day! I can't believe I had slept through the whole thing! My aunt had been called on the phone and rushed over to stay with us while dad and mom hurried to the hospital.. It was all I could think about all day long while I was in school. How did they expect me to concentrate when all I could think about was meeting my brother Jerry after school! I was so excited...

PAGE 11: LETTER TO FUTURE SELF

(Letter)

Directions:

Use the template below to fill in the blanks and write a letter to your future self!

For example:

November 2010

Dear _____

I am _____ years old and in the _____ grade. I go to school at Gravenstein Elementary. This is my _____ year at school here! My favorite thing to do at school is _____. My favorite friend at school is _____, we love to _____.

At home, I enjoy _____. I also love to play _____. I practice _____. My favorite thing about _____ is _____. If I could do anything I wanted to do today, I would _____ because _____.

When I grow up I want to go to _____ College and study _____. My dream job would be _____ because _____. I hope to live in _____ because _____. But, my biggest wish for the future is _____.

Best wishes in the future!

Sincerely,

PAGE 13: RECIPE

(Expository)

Directions:

Think of your favorite dish and find the recipe for it. You may want to look in a family cookbook, ask the best chef in your family or search for the recipe on-line. Write the recipe as you would find it in a cookbook. Be sure to write a list of ingredients and include the directions to creating your favorite dish!

For example:

Spaghetti Pie

Ingredients

1 lb. ground beef
1 yellow onion
1 green bell pepper
8 ounces spaghetti noodles
Jar Spaghetti Sauce (or homemade, if time!)
3 large eggs
1/3 cup ricotta cheese
1/3 cup cottage cheese
1/3 cup mozzarella cheese
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese

To Create

Preheat your oven to 400 F and grease a casserole dish or pie plate. Boil a pot of water and add spaghetti noodles. Allow noodles to boil about 10 minutes or until the noodles are "al dente".

While noodles are cooking, sauté onions, bell peppers and brown the ground beef. Heat the sauce and add to the meat when done.

When noodles are done, drain them in a strainer and rinse well with cold water.

In a bowl, mix together the eggs, ricotta cheese, cottage cheese, pepper and some parmesan cheese. Add spaghetti noodles and make sure to mix well. Move the new mixture to a casserole dish, spreading evenly in the dish.

Top the Spaghetti mixture with Meat Sauce and sprinkle Mozzarella Cheese on top. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, until center is set and top is golden. Make sure to let it cool before eating or you'll burn your mouth! Enjoy!

PAGE 14: AUTOGRAPH PAGE

Directions:

Leave this page blank for autographs at the end of the school year!

FAMILY TREE

Every family is special and unique in their own way!!
Please feel free to modify this tree or re-create your
own in any way that your family needs.

MOM'S SIDE

Grandma Grandpa

Aunts/Uncles

Cousins

Mom

Sibling

DAD'S SIDE

Grandma Grandpa

Aunts/Uncles

Cousins

Dad

ME

Sibling

PARENT INTERVIEW

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What city did we live in when I was born?

How big was I when I was born?

Why did you choose my name for me? Is there special meaning to my name?

What is your favorite baby memory of me?

What was my first word?

What is your favorite toddler memory of me?

When I was a toddler, what were my favorites?

Food:

Toy:

Friend:

Activity:

School Years Brainstorm

PARAGRAPH ONE

Written By:

<p><u>Brainstorm</u> Grade: School: Teacher:</p> <p>Three main things that happened:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.	<p><u>First Sentence</u> <u>Introduction</u> Where were you?</p> <p>Who was there?</p> <p>How are you going to "grab" the audience?</p>	<p><u>Second Sentence</u> First main thing that happened:</p>
<p><u>Third Sentence</u> Second main thing that happened:</p>	<p><u>Fourth Sentence</u> Third main thing that happened:</p>	<p><u>Last Sentence</u> <u>Conclusion:</u> How did you feel?</p> <p>Why will you always remember this?</p>

School Years Brainstorm
PARAGRAPH TWO

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brainstorm</u></p> <p>Grade: School: Teacher:</p> <p>Three main things that happened:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Sentence</u> <u>Introduction</u></p> <p>Where were you?</p> <p>Who was there?</p> <p>How are you going to "grab" the audience?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Sentence</u></p> <p>First main thing that happened:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Third Sentence</u></p> <p>Second main thing that happened:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fourth Sentence</u></p> <p>Third main thing that happened:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Last Sentence</u> <u>Conclusion:</u></p> <p>How did you feel?</p> <p>Why will you always remember this?</p>

School Years Brainstorm
PARAGRAPH THREE

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brainstorm</u></p> <p>Grade: School: Teacher:</p> <p>Three main things that happened:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Sentence</u> <u>Introduction</u></p> <p>Where were you?</p> <p>Who was there?</p> <p>How are you going to "grab" the audience?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Sentence</u></p> <p>First main thing that happened:</p>
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Favorite Memory

Write down a list of three of your all time favorite memories below. It could be a sleepover you had at a friend's house or a soccer game you won with your team. Maybe one of your all time favorite memories was when you visited your grandma's house or when another family member came to visit you. Whatever your favorite memories are, please record three of them below:

Memory One:

Memory Two:

Memory Three:

Now circle or highlight the memory you would like to record into your Autobiography book. Think of how you can turn this memory into a paragraph! What descriptive words will you use? Come up with two descriptive adjectives to use in your paragraph now.

Adjective One: _____

Adjective Two: _____

Letter to my Future Self

Date _____

Dear _____,

I am _____ years old and in the _____ grade. I go to school at Gravenstein Elementary. This is my _____ year at school here! My favorite thing to do at school is _____.

My favorite friend at school is _____, we love to _____.

At home, I enjoy _____. I also love to play _____. I practice _____.

My favorite thing about _____ is _____.

If I could do anything I wanted to do today, I would _____ because _____.

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I hope to live in _____ because _____. But, my biggest wish for the future is _____.

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