

Name: _____

ELC Hardcover Book Project

We are starting a project which will take some time and effort, but one which will result in a keepsake of our trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. We will make a hardcover book describing what we did during our week away. We will illustrate the books, and create an eye-catching cover. Some classes will choose to include poetry in the book. If desired, the book may include photos and a dedication page.

Tasks: (See description of each item on following pages)

Use this check list to keep yourself organized. Check each item only when you are sure you are done.

- Brainstorm all possible topics
- Choose at least ____ topics about which you will write
- Rough draft for each topic.
- Edit each rough draft.
- Plan the layout of your book.
- Final copy of each topic in the hard cover book.
- Cover
 - Title (easy to read)
 - Author's name (both on front and on the spine of the book)
 - An illustration.
 - The back cover must be creatively completed. It can be illustrated. It may include a brief summary. *It may not be blank.*

Hand in the book with this checklist tucked into the front cover.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6
Week at Wolf Ridge E.L.C.						
11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13
11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20
11/21	11/22	11/23	11/24 No School	11/25 No School	11/26 No School	11/27
11/28	11/29	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4

December

12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11
12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18

Task Description List:

Brainstorming:

You will do a lot of this while you are at Wolf Ridge and on the bus. Write in your journal in any way you choose. This may be word webs, illustrations with captions, lists, four-square drafts or plain old journal entries. This will be what you use to make your rough draft. Write or draw as much as you can.

Choice of Topics:

Write down all of the things about which you could write. You will choose _____ about which you will write in your book. (Each class will decide on the number of topics). If you will be including poetry, be sure to list that as one or more of your topics. Remember, the first topic is chosen for you.

1. Introduction: What Wolf Ridge is about, and why we go.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Rough Draft for each topic:

You will write a rough draft in your Language Arts binder or folder for each topic. You will first make a foursquare plan (or another graphic organizer) for each topic. Each topic must have:

- Introduction
- 2-3 paragraphs, each with a topic sentence and supporting details
- Closing paragraph

Each topic should be approximately 100 words. Some people may write more. (This means that you must write only 10-15 good sentences about each topic! You can do this!)

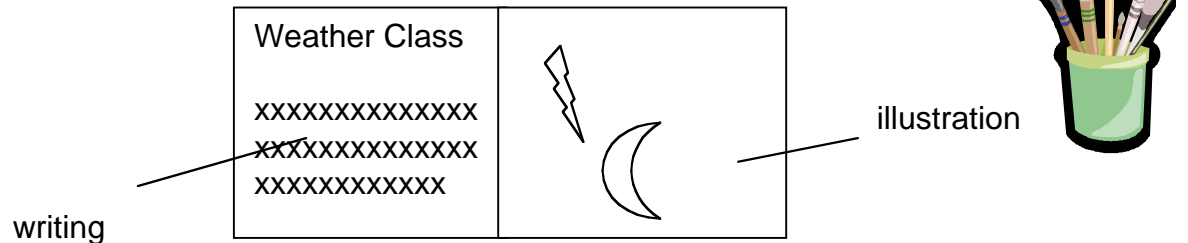
Editing of Rough Drafts:

Each topic must be edited carefully. You may work with a classmate, a teacher, or someone at home. The teacher will not be able to edit all of your drafts, so think about who else can help you.

Layout Plan:

Before you receive your “bare book,” you will plan how you will use the pages in your book. Write the topic on the page, draw a simple stick figure sketch for illustrations, etc.

Example:



Final Copy:

The book should be an example of your **best work**. Use the lined guides to help you write neatly. Practice your best handwriting or printing. Each double page must include an illustration or border.

Cover:

The cover is what will catch the reader’s eye. Use color. Practice on scratch paper before starting in on the book. Be sure your letters are bold and easy to read. The title should also be written clearly on the spine of the book. (Tip: “Sandwich” the book between a couple of other books and hold them on your lap, spines up. You’ll be able to write more easily.)



Grading:

Each classroom will develop a rubric for how the book will be graded. When it is complete, your teacher will give you a copy. Use the rubric as a tool to help you do your best work.



Remember...

This will be a keepsake for years to come. You will never forget the week we spend at Wolf Ridge. Do your best work. You won’t regret it!