Creative Writing

Day 20
October 18th

• Daily Description: Describe watching snow falling outside while you’re warm inside.

• Agenda:
  – Daily Description
  – Presenting Performance Poems
  – 6 Word Memoirs
Flood Them With Kindness

• Write a thank you note to an administrator.

• 9th – Mrs. Stogdill and Mr. Williams
• 10th – Mr. Kahlandt and Dr. Walters
• 11th – Mr. Kessell and Mr. Williams
• 12th – Mrs. Dixon and Dr. Walters

• Principal – Mrs. Lannan
Today’s Objectives

• I will know the characteristics of creative nonfiction.

• I will be able to write an effective six word memoir.
Creative Nonfiction

• The author:
  – Tells a story (entertains the reader)
  – Presents factual information
  – Shares passion for the topic

• The facts must come alive through narration and setting/well developed scenes

• Never invent or change facts or events – the truth can be stranger than fiction!

• Focus is on **SHOWING** not telling
What are the goals of CNF?

• Deal with an issue or problem the people are concerned about
• Provide accurate data
• Report fairly
• Interpret your information
• Draw conclusions
• Organize your information
• Use interesting language
Six Word Memoirs

• Memoir - an account of one's personal life and experiences

• The challenge: Write a meaningful memoir using only six words.
Examples

• Once wrote suicide note. Lost it.

• Digital romance ended with paper breakup.

• Complicated family. Inconceivable friendships. Lasting memories.

• White-bread childhood. Multi-grain adulthood.

• For sale: baby shoes, never worn.
Assignment

• Write your own six word memoir.

• Create a poster of this memoir.

• You will present this poster to the class.
Wrapping Up

• Think about true stories that you could tell in a creative and engaging way.