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## You can be an author!

#### **Submission Dates**

Tuesday, November 13 with Author's Breakfast on December 5

Tuesday, February 12 with Author's Breakfast on March 6

Tuesday, April 9 with Author's Breakfast on May 6

#### Your Very Own Book

Blue Jay Publishing will publish your book EXACTLY as you wrote it, without correcting any spelling or grammar. It's your book, be proud of it!

#### What to Do

- + Format your book
- + Write and edit your story.
- Write your About the Author page and place it at the end of your story.
- Scan and insert optional cover page illustration (fit to format).
- Email story, About the Author and cover illustration to <u>bluejayauthors@gmail.com</u> by required deadline



### **How Do I Become An Author?**

#1 WRITE and EDIT your story! You have one to tell. Fact or fiction. Be creative and go on a crazy mind adventure. Create interesting characters or step into a fantasy. Unravel a mystery. Tell us about a great vacation or special event. Explore the life of a person you admire. Create a collection of poems.

Please have your parent <u>or</u> teacher <u>or</u> family member <u>or</u> friend read your story and provide you with some helpful ways to improve your story. EDIT again. Make it the best you can!

Note: Maximum of 2 stories per month, please.



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#### **Author Breakfasts**

After each story submission, all writer's will be invited to attend the Author's Breakfast. You will receive your published story, a Certificate of Recognition from Principal DeCorsey and a treat. You will have time to share your story with your fellow authors and/or sometimes you will meet a Guest Author.

Wait for your invitation.



#2 TYPE your story and "About the Author" on the computer. Don't forget to follow the formatting guidelines!

#3 ADD any illustrations to your book and cover page, as long as they are within the required margins (see "formatting your book").

#4 EMAIL all work to <u>BlueJayAuthors@gmail.com</u> by the desired deadline. **Word, Pages or Google docs** attachments **ONLY.** No PDFs.

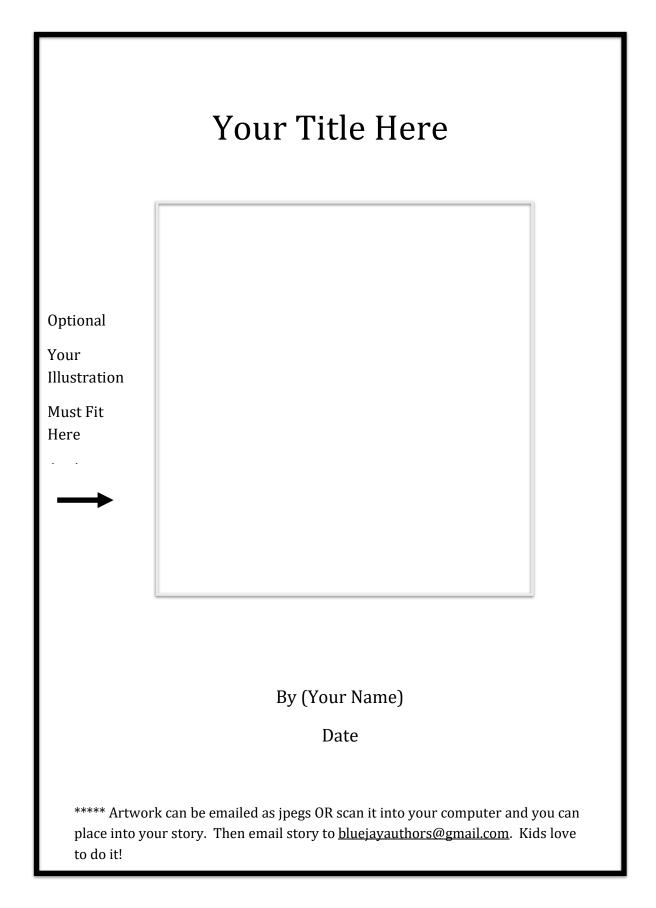
# ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE TYPED AND FORMATTED PROPERLY.

Thank you!



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