



## Young Authors' Faire

Begins Feb. 13, 2019

**Parents and Bobcats: Please take a few moments to read through this packet, which contains YAF guidelines, tips on creating books, and a link to an illustration video.**

### Guidelines

- Young Authors' Faire is open to all Baker students.
- Books are created on your own time.
- You may work alone, with a partner, or with a group of students.
- You'll have six weeks to create your book.
- Any theme you can think of is acceptable, provided you stay within Baker's standard of non-violent themes.
- Authors must have a signed contract, provided by your teacher.
- Books should have a hard cover and a title page.

### Genres/Categories

- You may create stories in many different genres, or categories. Here are a few common genres for you to consider:
- **Fiction**: These are make-believe stories, adventures, mysteries, or science fiction stories.
- **Non-Fiction**: These books are based on true events, or real life stories. A few examples: Retell a special event such as a holiday or family gathering, a vacation, Science Camp experience, or a one day outing ... this could be a special day at the beach, a picnic, or a field trip that you'd like to share with the reader. Non-fiction stories also include informational books, or books based on facts and research. A few examples: Facts about animals, historical figures, or famous people.

- **Cookbooks**: We love all types of cookbooks! Examples: Friends or relatives share favorite recipes with you, and you create a book with those recipes in it. Or, you might try new recipes with an adult's help, and tell the reader how your recipe turned out, or you can simply share favorite recipes. Pictures, or illustrations of how you make recipes, and pictures/illustrations of the finished product is a fun way to create cookbooks.
- **Picture Books**: These types of books tell a story through pictures, and have no words in them.
- **ABC Books**: ABC books can be created in specific categories – a few examples: All the ABC words can be animals ... A for aardvark, B for bear, C for cat, etc. Other categories for ABC books could be nouns, verbs, food, or anything you can think of, including ABC poetry.
- **Poetry Books**: Some examples we've received in the past include seasonal poetry, holiday poetry, and ABC poetry.
- **How-to-Books**: This is your opportunity to teach your readers something you're an expert at. A few examples: How to train a puppy to sit, rollover, heel, etc.; how to take care of specific animals, or how to play a game that you invented with your friends.
- **Comic Books**: This is a fun category of books, but you must remember to stay within Baker's guidelines of non-violent themes.

### **Illustrations**

- There are countless ways to create illustrations in your book. Some examples include using pencils, marking pens, crayons, watercolor, paint, torn tissue paper, crinkled tissue paper, chalk, colored pencils, or anything else you can think of to illustrate your book.

### **Page Layout and Book Binding**

- There are numerous ways to layout the pages of your book. A few examples include writing the words at the bottom of the page with pictures on the top, or words at the top of the page with pictures on the bottom; words can be written around the edges of the page with pictures in the center of the page, or any other way you can think of to make your book unique and interesting.
- You can bind your book in many different ways: pipe cleaners, tape, brads, ribbon, yarn, or rings.



### Answers to Common Questions

- **YAF contracts** are available, from your teacher, on **Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019**.
- Specific dates and checkpoints will be listed in your contract.
- **Checkpoints** are the days **1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** bring their work-in-progress to room 25, after lunch, to have their work briefly checked by a YAF Advisor.
- **T.K. and Kinder** students will have their work checked by their Kindergarten teachers in the Kindergarten classrooms.
- All YAF books will be displayed after school on **Literacy Day**, April 26th.
- Everyone who participates in the Young Authors' Faire receives a certificate.
- We will hold a **YAF Workshop** to provide hard covers and a few supplies. The YAF Workshop date is shown in your contract.
- Check **Baker's homepage**, for a few examples of past YAF books, and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARJ53RaecAQ&t=2s> for Miss Endo's illustration video.

We hope that we've sparked your interest, and that you're beginning to think of the type of YAF book you'd like to create this year. We can't wait to see this year's young authors and their wonderful books!

*Warmly,  
The YAF Committee*

