Digital Six-Word Memoirs

STEP 1:

Brainstorm:

Your six-word memoir can be a phrase or a complete sentence. I try to encourage my kiddos to stray away from just a list of words because it challenges them. During the brainstorming stage I also think about what type of image can support my memoir.

STEP 2:

Find an image:

There are many online resources such as google image and flickr.com that will allow you to sift through a plethora of choices. The image that you choose needs to support what your six-word memoir is, but that can be as literal or abstract as you choose. Save the image to your computer (I find that it's easiest to save it to my desktop) so that it's ready for you to overlay the text. *if you use flickr, then you need to right click on the image, click "medium", and then you can right click the image to save it to your desktop

STEP 3:

Overlay the text:

1) Go to http://www.phixr.com/

2) Click "get started" (you do NOT need to sign up)

3) Check that you agree and click "let me in"

4) Click on "select photos" and then find your image

5) On the toolbar on the right, you will see the letter "A"…click on this to add text

6) Choose a font and change the color if you would like to do so

7) Type in your 6-word memoir into the text box available

8) You can put your 6-word memoir into two or three (or more) lines. You can *shrink text* also use the box to the top left to stretch or shrink your words. If you do this, then you'll need to re-stretch it after executing the text.

9) Click "execute" at the bottom of the pop-up box where you typed your text in

10) If you stretched or shrunk the text-editing box, then you'll need to drag the edges of the dotted box, but if you didn't, then you can ignore this step.

11) Click on the drop down menu at the bottom of the screen that says "file format" and choose "jpeg"

12) Rename your file and click "save"- *Last name*

13) Your image should be on your desktop or in your downloads folder.

• *Drag file from web window to jumpdrive*

or

• *Find file in downloads.*