



### Journalism Basics:

- Who? What? When? Where? How?
- Think about how to approach a story assignment
- Find out all you can about the subject
- Decide what main point you want to make
- Take good notes
- Verify facts and check quotes
- Make sure to have a good introduction that will grab the readers attention
- Write with confidence
- EDIT and proofread thoroughly
- HAVE FUN

### Interviewing Check List:

- ❑ Research ahead of time and write out questions to ask
- ❑ Bring camera, notebook, and several pens and pencils
- ❑ Ask for exact spelling of name and title
- ❑ Read back all quotes for accuracy
- ❑ Do not make assumptions. Ask if you are unsure of a person's response
- ❑ Listen and ask if you think of additional questions
- ❑ Ask where a person's information and/or opinions come from
- ❑ Take note of other interesting details such as clothing or surroundings
- ❑ Finish the interview by asking if there is anything else they want to add. Be sure to say Thank you
- ❑ Find an interesting and relevant way to tie the information in to your article
- ❑ Remember that you don't have to put everything that was said in your article...Pick and choose the quotes you use

### How to take a good picture:

- Make sure you know how to use your camera and that it is working
- Come up close
- Hold the camera very steady
- Try different angles for interest
- Take more than one photo of each subject
- Choose a plain background
- Take horizontal and vertical pictures
- Make sure that your subject is centered in the picture
- Don't be afraid to rearrange or move people around to make the picture look better



### Tips for using YourHub.com/NextGen:

- ❖ Do not give out personal information such as your address or phone number
- ❖ Upload many stories and photos to improve your writing
- ❖ Have fun with the website and experiment
- ❖ Do not write inappropriate things...Remember that ANYONE can see what you have posted
- ❖ Pay attention to upcoming events of interest to other kids and post them to the calendar.
- ❖ Need help? E-mail [jarmstrong@denvernewspaperagency.com](mailto:jarmstrong@denvernewspaperagency.com) or call 303-954-3964