CHILDREN’S BOOK ASSIGNMENT
“FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON”
Due date:_________________

Consider the following quotations taken from Daniel Keyes’ long short story:

“No one I’ve ever known is what he appears to be on the surface.”

“Shut up! Leave him alone! It’s not his fault he can’t understand! He can’t help what he is. But for God’s sake...he’s still a human being!”

“How strange it is that people of honest feelings and sensibility, who would not take advantage of a man born without arms or legs or eyes---how such people think nothing of abusing a man born with low intelligence.”

It is no mystery that “Flowers for Algernon” is an attempt by the author to draw attention to man’s insensitivity towards the less fortunate. Let’s pretend that you are hired to work at a day care center for children ages four through nine after school.

Certain children at the center have been picking on others because they have a disability and the center’s director has asked you to change the children’s attitude towards them. You choose to educate the “teasers” by creating a children’s book. In essence, the book’s message will state that despite a person’s differences, they still are a worthwhile member of society.

Procedure

A. Establish your disability that you will write about (your message)

B. Use at least ten to fifteen pages for your book (a dedication page and/or author page may count as a page or pages)
   * One person needs ten pages
   * Two people need twelve pages
   * Three people need fifteen pages

C. Remember your audience
   * Use a simple message
   * Use large print
   * Use bright colors
   * Use illustrations that appeal to the age group

D. You will have five (5) class days so use your time wisely.
Title: __________________________________________________________

Authors: __________________________________________________________

Grading Criteria:

Message (clarity, appropriateness) 15 Points __________

Following directions (length, format, color) 10 Points __________

Group Participation 10 Points __________

Neatness 10 Points __________

Grammar/Punctuation 10 Points __________

Book Pages numbered 5 Points __________

Point Total 60 Points __________

Grade _______________

Comments: