

Six Word Memoirs for Retuning From Winter Break

Six Word Memoirs are a growing trend as writers, celebrities, and "regular folk" are telling their stories in just six words. Smith Magazine (http://sixwordmemoirs.com) boasts memoirs on every topic including teens, school, love, and even Jewish topics.

Challenge your students to tell their winter break stories in just six words. This activity, appropriate for grades 4 and up, is a fun way for students to describe themselves to each other and to you using concise and clever language.

You might have students write:

Hopes for this next semester

Example: Determined to conquer vowels this semester

Best part of Hanukkah

Example: Hanukkah lights gone, family fun lingers

Another opportunity to start fresh

• Example: New boots: stamping out Lashon Harah

Collect the responses in a word document, Google docs, or on your classroom blog so that students can read each other's writings.