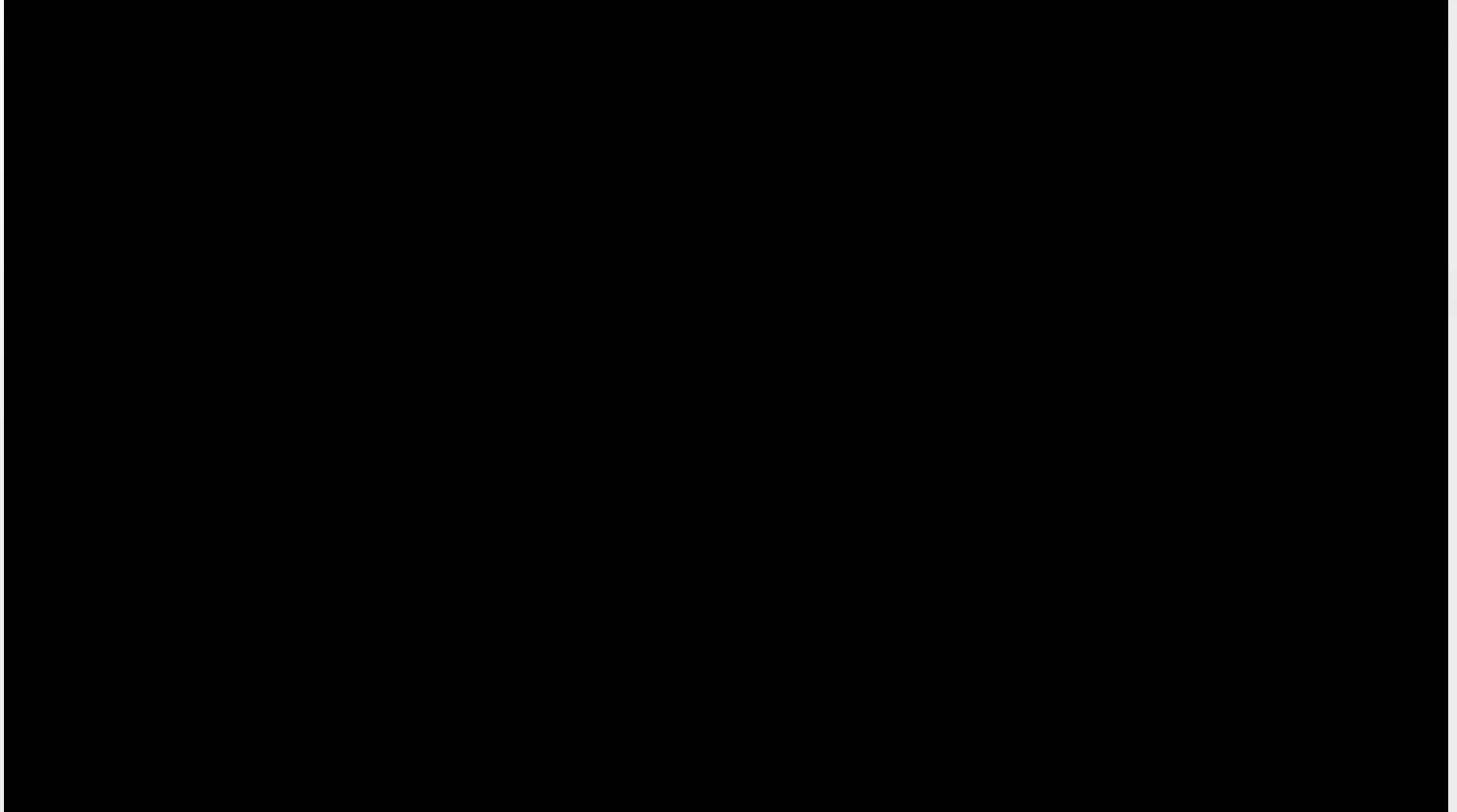# Whimsical Words: A Digital Storytelling Adventure

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Welcome!

Collaboration

- Co-Plan
  - Appointment
  - Regular schedule
- Co-Implement
  - Assign tasks
  - Share responsibilities
- Co-Assess
  - Share grading
  - Share evaluations

Integration

- Integrated Writing Project
  - Skills
    - Visual Literacy
    - Fluency and Expression
    - Writing
    - Reading
    - Digital Literacy
    - Teamwork
    - Musical Interpretation

Timeline: Overview

- 3-4 Weeks
  - Week 1 in First and Third Grades
    - Joint Class
      - Story Perspective-Who's Voice
      - Use of picture books
      - Use of digital pictures
      - Nature Walk
  - Week 1 in Sixth Grade
    - Looking at software and apps
    - Drawing images and drafting story

Timeline: Overview

- Week 2-3: First and Third Grade
  - Story Writing
    - Storyboards
    - Illustrations

- Week 2: Sixth Grade
  - Scanning photos
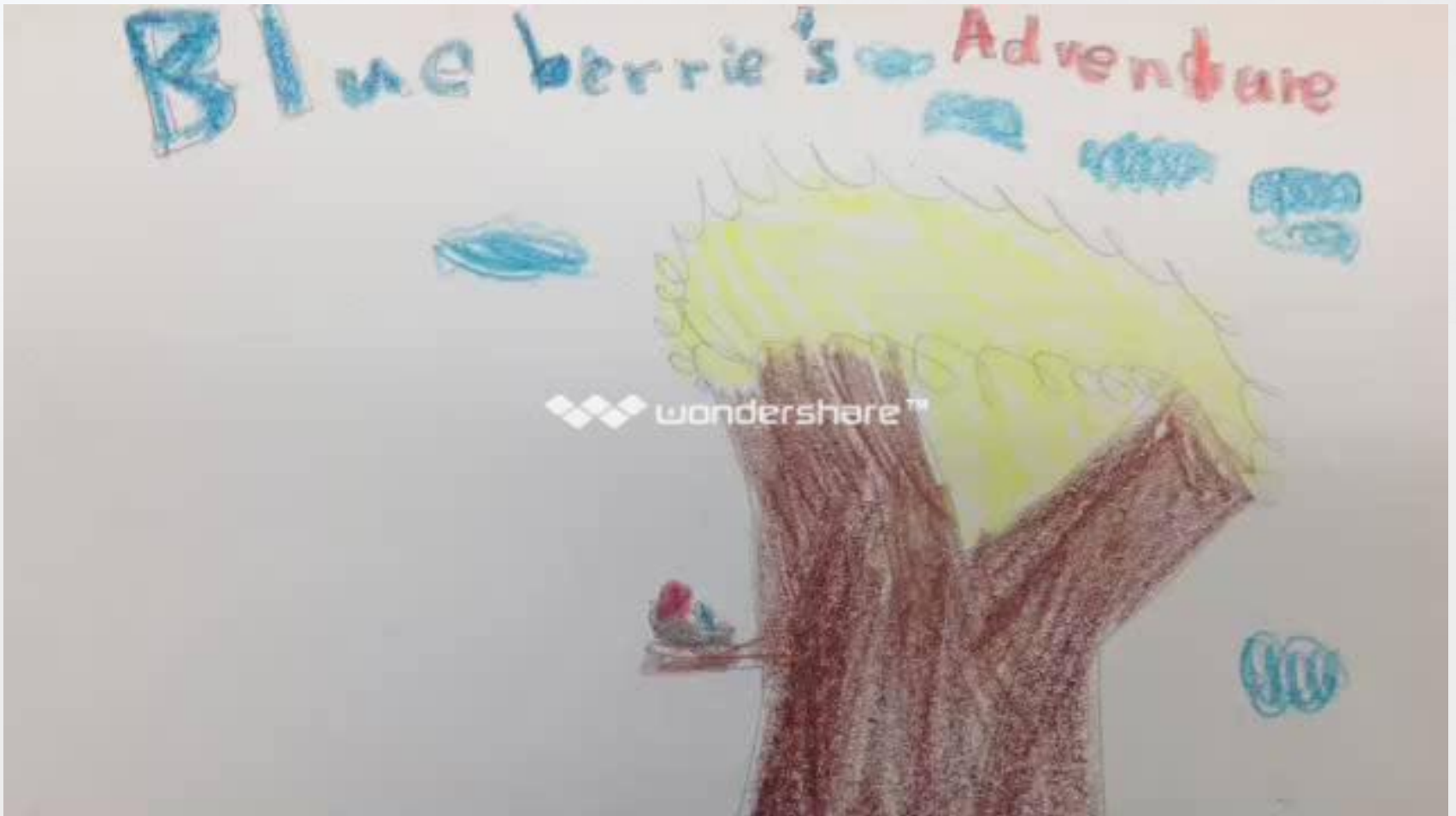 - Recording narrations
  - Combining into iMovie

Timeline: Overview

- Week 3-4: All Grades
  - Music compositions
  - iMovie Lessons
  - Creating movies
  - Fine-tuning

Blueberrie's Adventure

Perspectives

Introducing Perspectives

- Assigning Partners
  - Reading Buddies
- *The Day the Crayons Quit*
  - Author: Drew Daywalt
  - Illustrator: Oliver Jeffers
- Alternate reading between 1st and 3rd teachers
- *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs*
  - *Author: Jon Scieszka*
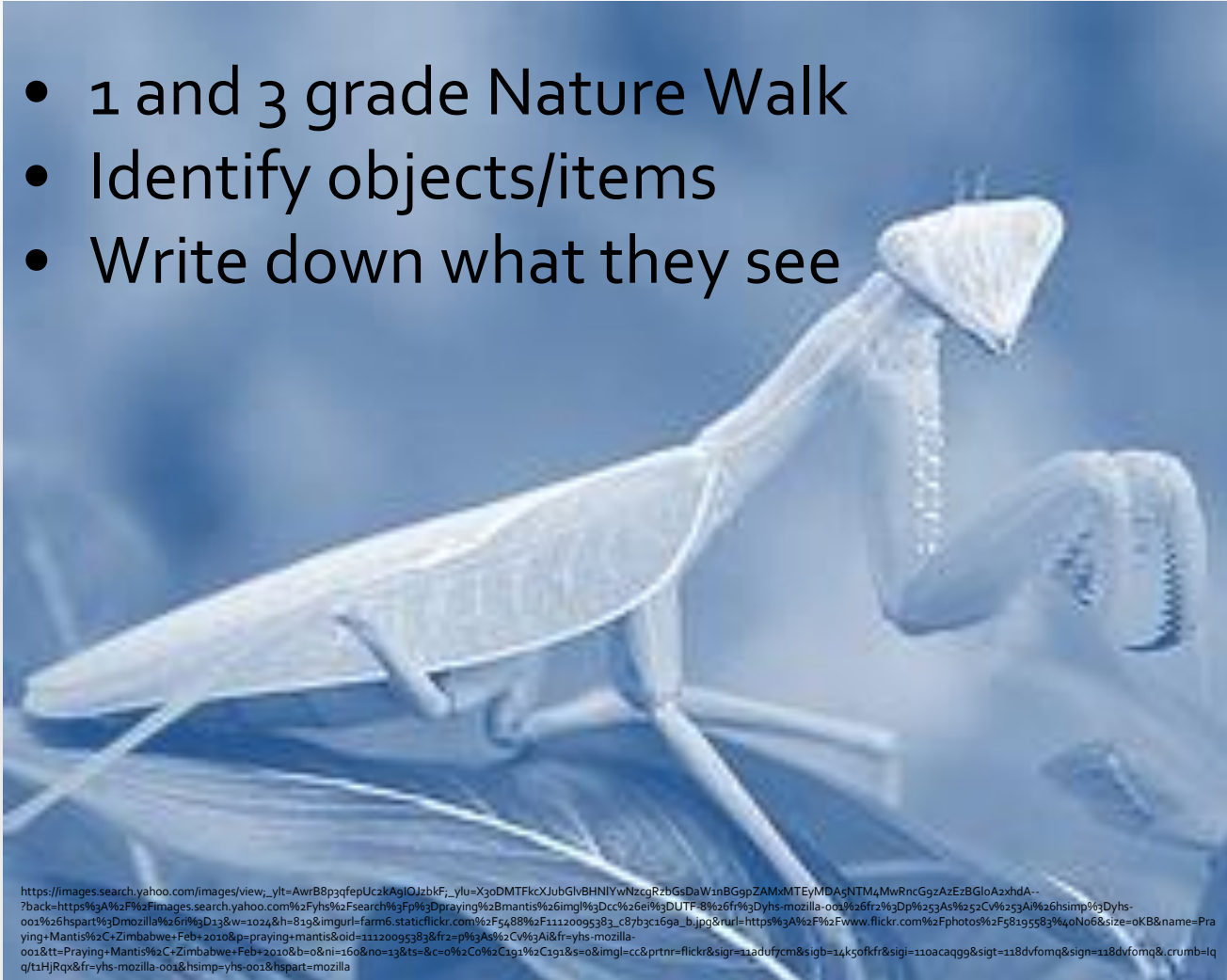 - *Illustrator: Lane Smith*

Perspectives

Nature Walk

- 1 and 3 grade Nature Walk
- Identify objects/items
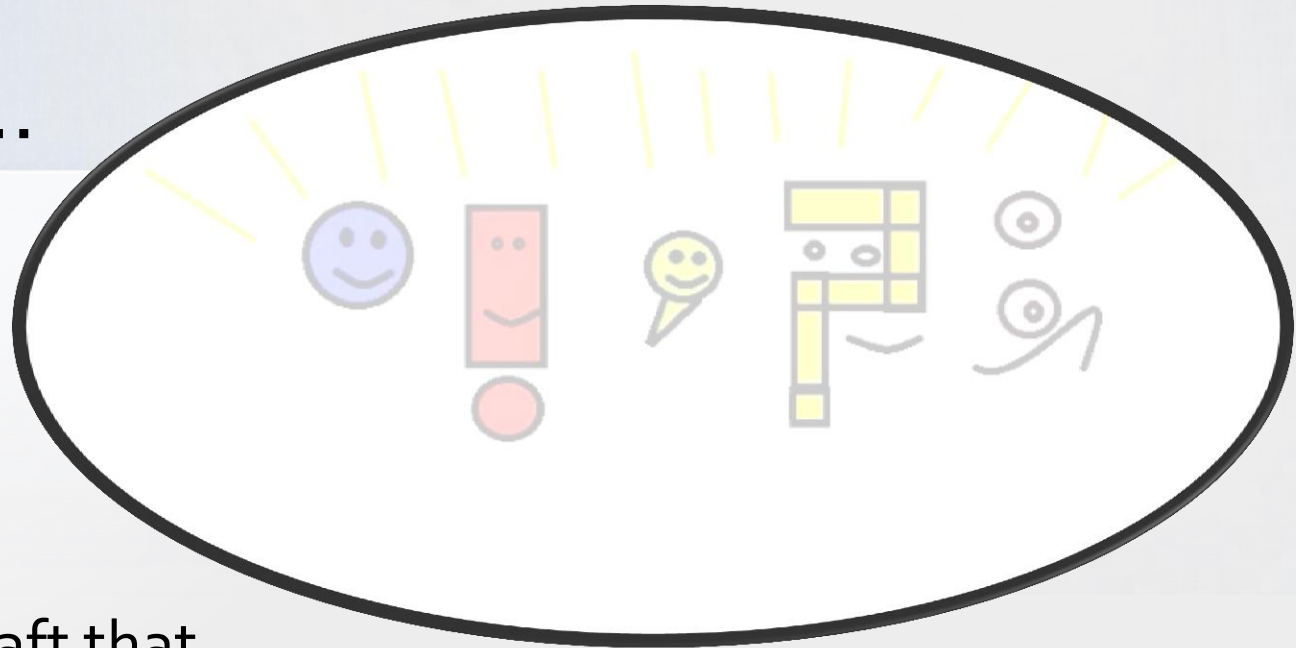- Write down what they see

Meanwhile….in Sixth Grade

- **Learning technical skills**
- **Learning how to "help" the little ones**
- **Working on their own digital story**

Their Story…

- Create a story draft that explains a feature of punctuation.
- Design illustrations to go with your story.
- Scan illustrations or take photos and import to iMovie.

- Record narration.
- Design background music using Garageband.
- Polish and export finished movie.

Punctuation!
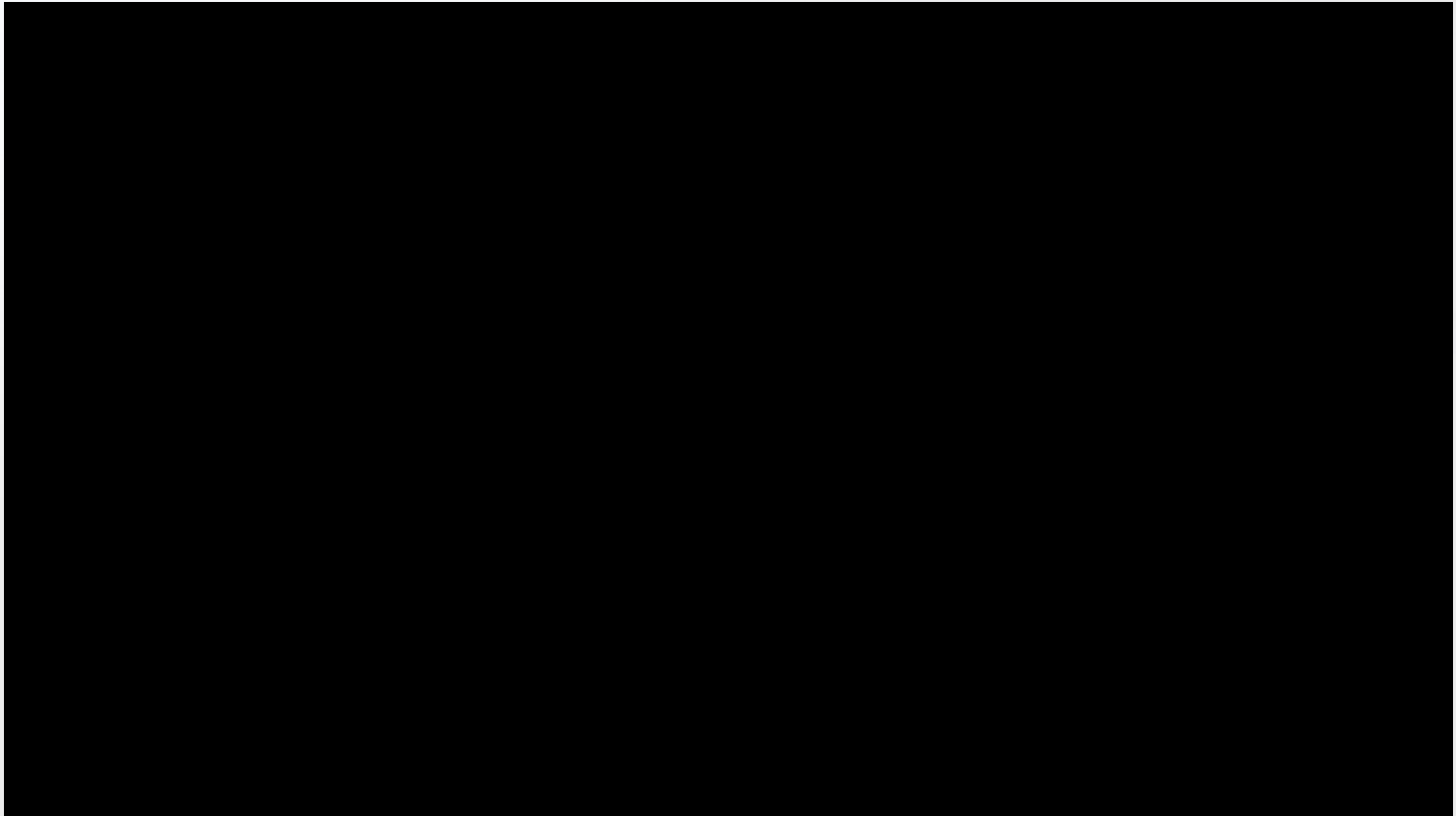
Writing and Illustrating

- Storyboards
  - Elementary storyboard from
    http://www.digitales.us/
    - Go to "storymaking tools" tab
    - Go to "storyboarding"
- Illustrating

- Process of importing illustrations to iMovie

Storyboarding

Name: Scene # _____

Title: _____

What I Say Out Loud + Feelings of My Words!

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What do you see? List or sketch images, graphics, or movie scenes to make your words come alive!

Feelings or Tone

What do you hear? List Sounds or Music Ideas

Things I want to remember to do with this scene:

_____

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Using the storyboard

Name: Alex, Hayden

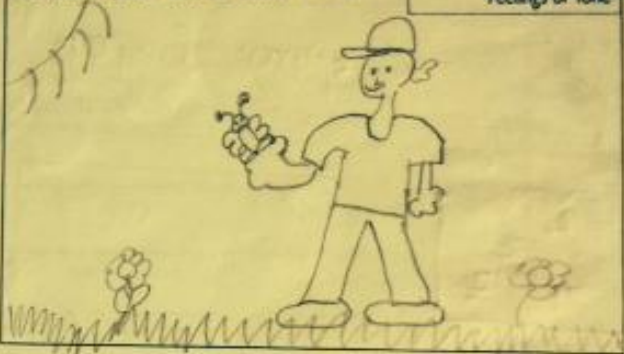Scene # ___1___

Title: The Monark butterfly

What I Say Out Loud + Feelings of My Words!

A: Once there was a butterfly
named Brayden. H: He loved
to eat milk leaves. A: His height
was two meters. H: He goes
1 mile per minute. A: His family
thought he went
super fast. H: So did he.
A: One day he went to a race
for butterflys and someone caught
him. H: Now Brayden found out he
was fare from home.

What do you see? List or sketch images, graphics, or movie scenes to make your words come alive!

worried
Feelings or Tone

What do you hear? List Sounds or Music Ideas
Crickets sounds   grasshoper sounds
Race sounds Wind

Things I want to remember to do with this scene:
To add good expresion in my talking.

Making the Mood

- Creating Music
  - GarageBand-iPad version
  - Soundation on the PC
    - http://soundation.com/
    - Will need to set up an account to save songs-but can do a free account
    -

Time to Explore

Lights, Camera, Action
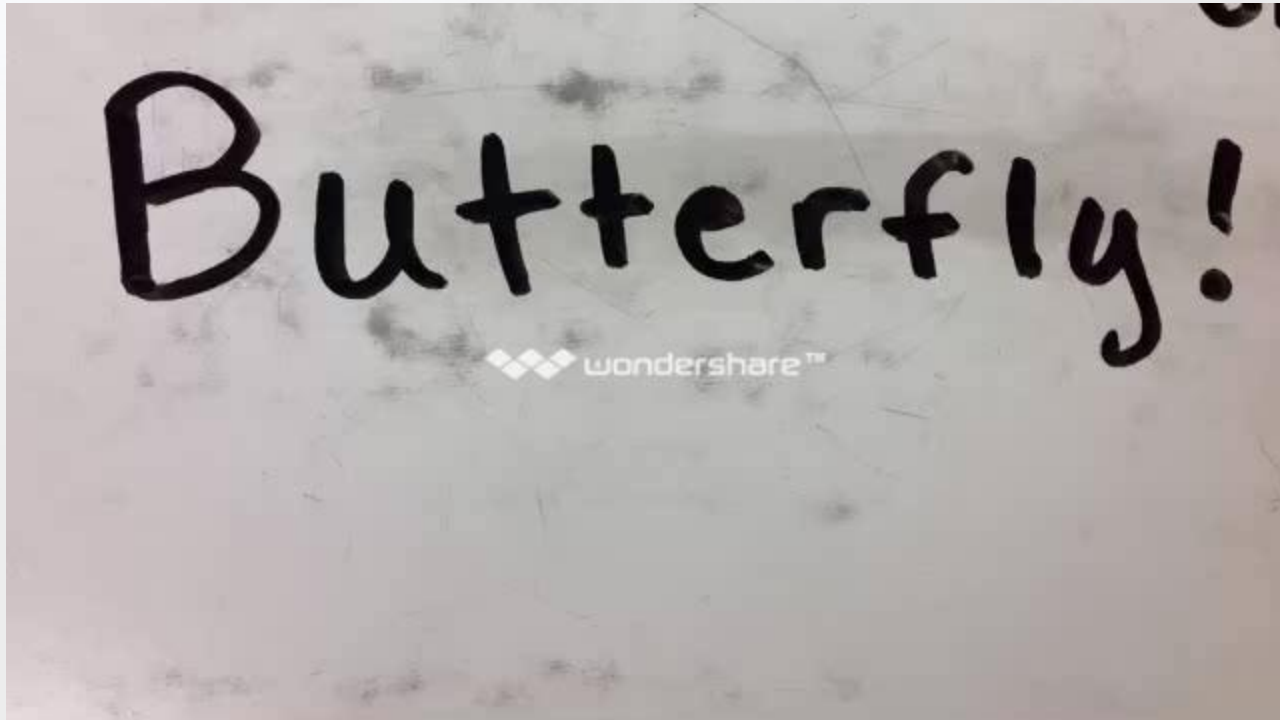
- Teaching Students the mechanics of iMovie
  - 6th grade technology buddies
  - One thing each day
    - Inserting pictures
    - Setting timings/panning
    - Recording voice
    - Creating music

- Reading and recording their stories
  - Find a quiet place
  - Record and listen
  - Re-record if necessary

Finalizing the movie

- Teaching students to finish
- Sharing stories

Student Video

Thank You

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