

## **Stories from Hurricane Juan**

Hurricane Juan was a storm unlike anything seen by most of the students. I expect that there is a good chance that they really may not see weather like this again for many years. It was 40 years ago that the last hurricane actually hit the Halifax area. Fortunately for me, this fits very well into my curriculum. We are studying weather in Science, and I'm always looking for interesting topics to encourage writing in the class. Unfortunately with 32 students, I will need your help to make this project a success.












After discussing the hurricane, and reading the class a story that I wrote about the hurricane, I had them write about something that they experienced during or following the storm. They brainstormed ideas and discussed them with classmates prior to writing. The story that you should have with this note is the "first draft" of their story. I would like to take all the stories and compile them into a book. I will also publish them without names on the class Website.

In order to "publish" these stories, I will need help in proofreading them, and possibly some help in typing them into the computer. If you would take a few minutes and proofread this story (Yes I know you thought homework was only for the students . . .), it would be a big help. Please do not actually change the story, just use the attached standard proofreading symbols to mark things that you think should be changed. Please feel free to also discuss the content with your child, and make notes on a separate paper of additions or changes they might make. Students will be working on the stories in school, so I want them to actually edit and rewrite them, so please do not change the stories yet.

I will send the edited "second draft" home when finished, to get further input from you. Once the students are pleased with their stories, they will need to be typed into the computer. If you can help with this at home, please let me know.

Thank you for your help with this project.

## Standard Proofreading Symbols

Symbol	Meaning	Example
	insert a comma	The mayor's brother, I tell you, is a crook.
	apostrophe or single quotation mark	I wouldn't know where to put this vase.
	insert something	I know it, in fact, everyone knows it. ;
	use double quotation marks	My favorite poem is "Design."
	use a period here	This is a declarative sentence .
	delete	The elephant's trunk is is really its nose.
	transpose elements	He only picked the one he likes.
	close up this space	Jordan lost his favorite basket ball.
	a space needed here	I have only three friends# Ted, Raoul, and Alice.
	begin new paragraph	"I knew it," I said. # "I thought so," she replied.
	no paragraph	"I knew it, she said. # # "He's no good."