WRITING IN STAGES

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the pictures below as inspiration for a story.

DAY ONE: What is happening in the picture? What do you think is going to happen next? Outline your story.

1. What is the central problem of your story?
2. Who are the characters?
3. Who will tell (narrate) the story?
4. What event sets the story into motion?
5. How does your character(s) try to solve his or her problem?
6. What obstacles does your character face?
7. How does your story end?

DAY TWO: Using the notes and the outline you have created, write your story. Give it a good title.

DAY THREE: As a friend to read your story and give you feedback. Revise your story if needed. Then edit your story, checking for punctuation, capitalization, word usage, sentence structure, etc.