Designing Your Scrapbook Page

- Choose the best 4-6 photos of one event in your life you would like to share with everyone in our class:
  - Childhood  Wedding  Genealogy  Vacations  Hobby
  - Holidays  Birthdays  Baby  Family Reunions  Job

- There are four basic steps to creating a scrapbook page: cropping photos; mounting photos and other embellishments; journaling and embellishing.
  - The term **cropping** is used to describe a graphic-arts technique in which a photo is trimmed to emphasize its most important elements and to eliminate parts of the picture you don't want to be seen. Photos may be cropped into a variety of interesting shapes that will help to highlight the subjects. You can use templates such as squares, circles, ovals, and more.
  - Create a layout of the page by experimenting with a design until it pleases you. There are a variety of ways to **mount** a photo in a scrapbook. You may want to mount it in a frame, on a mat, or flat on the page. If you want to be able to remove your photo, place it inside photo corners. Ready-made frames and mats are available or can be created. Measure the photo you want to mat or frame and cut out a piece of paper slightly larger than the photo. To mat the photo, use mounting tape to adhere to the paper, leaving an even border all around. To create a frame, cut a hole in the center of the paper and mount the photo behind it. Select colors that coordinate with your photo or bring together your theme.
  - A picture may be worth a thousand words, but words are an essential element of scrapbooks. A truly effective memory book is not just a visual record of your personal history, but a written record as well. Remember to save space on your page to **journal** about the photos displayed there.
  - **Embellishments** are decorations that you add to a scrapbook page. They include: die cuts, stickers, borders, stenciling, rubber-stamping, and hand-drawn illustrations that reflect the theme of the page.

- Assemble your finished pages in chronological order to tell the story. Slip on a page protector to keep the completed page safe from dirt, dust, spills and fingerprints.

- Have fun sharing your completed page with friends - the memories and stories from your life.