



# Ms. Rodney's Points about Copyright and Fair Use

For Parents and Students

1. Copyright means that people have to ask to use any artistic thing that you made all by yourself, even if you don't publish it. That means that if you wrote a story, made up a dance, wrote a song, or made artwork, you are the only one that could copy, change or show it. If other people want to do that, they have to ask your permission.
2. We can sometimes use other people's work legally under the Fair Use rule. These are 5 times we can use small amounts other people's work without asking:
  - a. In The Classroom – We can copy some things to show in class
  - b. When we critique something
  - c. When we write reports
  - d. When we summarize our current events articles
  - e. If we made a joke about someone's work
3. If you take a lot of someone's work, then it's not fair use – it's copying. If you are not sure about how much to use, **you can always ask Ms. Rodney!**