Chalk it up...

The canvas is the sidewalk. The medium is chalk. Artists flocked to Larimer Square and decorated assigned spaces with colorful chalk drawings (see “Chalk full of art”, Denver & The West, page 8B). One of the categories is for students. Student winners earn art supplies for their schools.

Today’s assignment calls for both writing and drawing. Find a picture or design an image that you would like to make into a chalk drawing. Write a description of the picture and explain how you can use a grid system to enlarge the image to render it in chalk on a sidewalk.

Before you put pen to paper, here are some suggestions:
- Plan and organize your writing.
- Use lists to identify important details you want to include. Prioritize the items on your lists.
- Adjectives and adverbs will help a reader visualize the image you have selected. Include the colors you will need to render the image in chalk on a sidewalk.
- Use your math skills to make a grid that will allow you to enlarge the image square by square.
- Write a draft. Proofread and edit the draft. Check spelling, sentence structure, capitalization, punctuation and transitions.

Order of the Pen