

## Revising - ARMS

Revising is when you read through your writing, looking for how you can improve the ideas within it.

Editing, on the other hand, is when you read through your writing, looking for how you can fix your writing to follow the rules of writing.

### **Add**

- What information can you add to your writing?
- What else does your reader need to know?
- Details?
- Descriptive words?
- Sensory words?
- What is your character seeing, feeling, hearing, tasting, or smelling?

### **Remove**

- Is there information that you don't need?
- Do you repeat yourself?
- Are there words or ideas that are redundant?

### **Move**

- Is all of the information in the right order?
- Do you need to move words, phrases, or sentences in order for your writing to make sense?

### **Substitute**

- Are there words that you can replace with synonyms?
- Do you use any *dead words*? Dead words are words that are overused so that they lose their power.
  - said, good, bad, nice, happy, mad, fun, cool -- SO MANY MORE