#### SKITTLES AND EDITING

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#### 1st round of edits -

- Formatting
- Read

Style Sheet

Calendar

Character Interviews (prevent too much backstory)

- <u>autocrit.com</u> (also prowritingaid.com)
  - o overused words
    - Common ones:
      - feel/felt
      - hear (takes care of heard)
      - have/had
      - knew/know
      - see/saw
      - just/then
      - than
      - maybe
      - watch/observe/notice.
      - Weasel or bug-a-boo words
  - repeated words/phrases
  - Other reports you can look at:
    - Dialogue
    - Passive Voice
    - Sentence Length Variations

• Read. Read again.

### 2nd round of edits

- timeline
- characters
- issue that takes me out of the story
- spelling errors
- punctuation
- sentences structures are too similar or too long.
- Telling vs showing
- House rules.
- Read

### 3rd/4th edits

• READ IT AGAIN!

**Lined Content Edit.** 

# Copyedit

# **Proofreading**