PREPTOBER

1. Create an account or prep your account on NanoWrimo.org
2. Purchase a notebook, pens, and ink if you need them
3. Organize any previous notes & worldbuilding
4. Brainstorm book ideas
5. Title of your book
6. Outline story ideas
7. Character names
8. Character sheets
9. Inspiration board with characters, settings, & aesthetic
10. Song playlist for writing
11. Book cover or mock-up
12. Create a New Project on NanoWrimo.org
13. Free space
14. Schedule writing time into your planner or calendar for November
15. Pre-schedule social media posts if needed
16. Pre-schedule newsletters and blog posts if needed
17. Set dates for objective word counts to reach your 50,000 word goal (Nano word count badges are good for this)
18. Let friends and family know about Nanowrimo and that you'll be busy
19. Set up or join Nano support groups
20. Research day (or two if needed)
21. Create a list of snacks and meal you can buy or prepare the week before nano
22. Set aside cash for take-out
23. Clean your office/room
24. Clean your desk/screens/keyboard
25. Do laundry, fold, and put away
26. Buy snacks, frozen dinners, and planned meals
27. Make sure you've gotten appointments like haircuts and oil changes taken care of this month, so November is free
28. Do some or all of your holiday shopping
29. Visit with friends or family

30. Wrap up any other projects or put them away for after Nano
31. One more cleaning day for your desk, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom. Anything that will occupy space in your brain and distract you.

It's time for NanoWrimo!

Other Suggestions:

1. Read previous novels to re-familiarize yourself with them
2. Reverse outline as you read
3. Water your plants
4. Come up with a list of treats and rewards for when word counts are met
5. Treat yourself to candles and cozy clothes for writing
6. Purchase pet food ahead of time
7. Stock up on tea and coffee or beverages of choice
8. Have a re-usable water bottle and keep it filled ☺

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