

Journal Writing Prompts



A blank journal is one of the best tools for young students.

We invite children to draw and write their ideas, create their own stories or react to thought provoking questions. The prompts offered below are like story starters, they might be helpful to some children but not to all. As with all literacy activities, we aim to build on children's interests and ensure that writing activities carry meaning for the individual child. With that in mind, here's a brief list of prompts to help some writers get started.

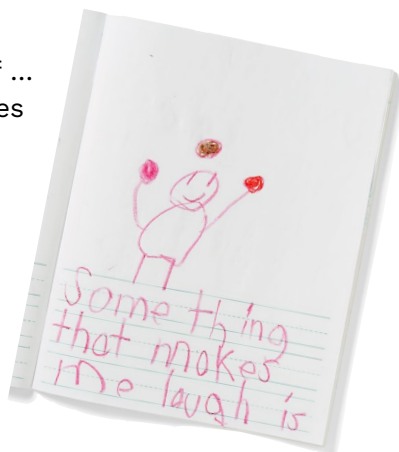
All About Me

- When I'm by myself I like to play
- On rainy days, I like to ...
- Ice cream sundaes are best when I add ...
- When I get older, I want to
- My favorite story is about a ...
- The first time I lost a tooth, I thought ...
- I like to start my day by ...
- I like to end my day by ...
- If I could eat lunch with one person today, it would be _____ because ...
- An invention I would like to create is a ...



Feelings

- Something that makes me laugh is ...
- Fast music makes me dance like a ...
- On scary nights I like to snuggle with my ...
- Slow music reminds me of ...
- Sunshine makes me feel ...

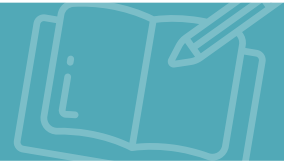


School & Friends

- When I'm with my friends I like to play ...
- At school, I like to play with ...
- My favorite thing to learn about is ...
- At the playground, I like to ...



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Seasonal

The sound of the wind reminds me of ...

On a warm summer evening, we ...

On a snowy day, my favorite thing to do is....

Leaves blowing in the wind remind me of ...



Animals

Some of my favorite small animals are ...

If I could be an animal, I would be a ...

If I could talk to an elephant, I would say ...

If I could be a bird, I would like to be a ...

If I could have a pet, I would like a ...



Fantasy

If I was a superhero, I would be

If I was the very hungry caterpillar, I would eat ...

One dream I remember was about ...

Looking at the clouds makes me think about ...

If I could fly an airplane, I would fly to ...

On the other side of the rainbow lives ...

When I look at the clouds, I can sometimes see ...

As a pirate, my buried treasure would include ...

One super power I would like to have is ...

The big bad wolf wouldn't be able to blow down my house because ...

If Goldilocks brought a brother on her adventure, he would have tried out ...



Family, Home and Neighborhood

In my garden I would plant ...

Some favorite things I like to do with my family are ...

My favorite song to sing at home is ...

My favorite meal is ...

On our last trip to the grocery store, we bought ...

My favorite place to hang out with my family is ...

Walking around my neighborhood, I see ...

On my visit to the fire house, I saw ...

At the library, we look for books about ...

When riding in our car, I like to look for ...

While riding on the bus, I look out the window and see ...

If I could draw a map, it would lead me to one of my favorite places, ...



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