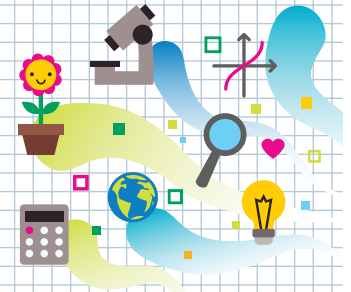




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Writing Prompts

Instructions for Set-Up



Supplies

- “Guide for Families” handout
- Clear plastic standup display (optional)
- Dark-colored marker
- 3 labels (or masking tape or paper to use for labels)
- 3 small bowls
- “Grades K-1 Writing Prompts” handout
- “Grades 2-3 Writing Prompts” handout
- “Grades 4-6 Writing Prompts” handout
- Three sheets of different light-colored paper (for example, one sheet of yellow, one sheet of light blue, one sheet of pink)
- Scissors
- Notebook paper
- Pens or pencil
- Display table

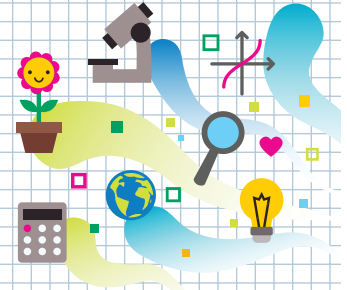
Activity Preparation

- ▶ Purchase or locate items on supply list.
- ▶ Print one copy of the “Guide for Families” handout. Laminate or place in a clear plastic standup display to allow participants to see it more readily.
- ▶ With the dark-colored marker and the labels, paper or masking tape, label one bowl “Grades K-1: Writing Prompts;” one, “Grades 2-3: Writing Prompts;” and the last one, “Grades 4-6: Writing Prompts.”
- ▶ Print out copies of the “Writing Prompts” handout, each in a different color of paper.
- ▶ Cut writing prompts apart, keeping each grade level together.
- ▶ Place the writing prompts in the corresponding bowls.
- ▶ Set up the display table with appropriate supplies.





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Writing Prompts Guide for Families

Learning Objectives

What you need to know:

A **writing prompt** is an idea that introduces a situation or topic. It inspires you to begin writing.

What you will do and learn:

You will write something based on a writing prompt.

Instructions

1. Pick a writing prompt out of the bowl that corresponds to your grade level.
2. Using the writing utensil and paper supplied, write a story, letter, poem, song or instructions based on your writing prompt. Don't forget to be creative, add detail and use your imagination.
3. Read the writing out loud to someone who is with you.

Writing Prompts

Grades K-1: Writing Prompts Handout

What is your favorite thing to do on a snow day?	Why is it important to tell the truth?
How do you make your favorite meal?	What would it be like if you didn't have a bed time?
Describe how to take care of your favorite animal.	How will you celebrate the next holiday?
Write about something you saw when you looked at the clouds.	Describe what it's like to go to a restaurant.
Pretend you are a puppy. Write about what your day is like.	Describe your favorite lunch.
If your birthday were tomorrow, what would the day be like?	If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would you go and what would you do?
Describe your favorite game to play.	Describe your favorite toy.
What is the best part of being in _____ grade?	How do you help other people?
Describe your favorite thing to do during recess.	What is it like to go camping?
If you could create a new flavor of ice cream, what would it be? Describe it.	Describe something that makes you happy.

Writing Prompts

Grades 2-3: Writing Prompts Handout

What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?	What does it mean to be a good neighbor?
Which do you like best: spring, summer, fall or winter? Why?	Describe the most perfect place in the world.
Describe your favorite thing to do at the park.	If you could pick a different name for yourself what would it be, and why?
If you could take your class on a field trip, where would you go?	Describe what it's like when you laugh.
If you could re-design your bedroom, what would it look like?	What do you want to be when you grow up?
What is something you could do forever and not get tired or bored from it?	Pretend that you're a thunderstorm. What would you be like?
What is your least favorite rule, and why?	If you could create a law, what would it be?
What is a perfect day like?	What will you be like in 10 years?
If you could be in a television show, which one would be it? What would your character be like?	What would you do if you won 1 million dollars?
Describe your perfect day at the beach.	Pretend you invented a new cereal. Describe it.

Writing Prompts

Grades 4–6: Writing Prompts Handout

Describe someone who makes you laugh.	Would you prefer to live on an island or in the mountains?
Think about your pet or your favorite animal. Describe what it would be like if they had superhero powers.	Who is your role model? Why?
If you were famous, what would you be famous for?	If you could teach your friends about something, what would it be?
What is your favorite day of the week? Why?	Would you rather own a bakery or a flower shop? Why?
What is your favorite dinner and who would you like to eat it with you?	If you could create a new holiday, what would it be like?
If you could build anything with snow, what would it be?	What is something you save your money for?
What is your favorite characteristic of yourself?	If you could write a book, what would it be about?
What would you do if someone was bullying your best friend?	If you could design a car, what would it be like?
If you could be the school principal for a day, what would you do?	What is your favorite family tradition?
What is your favorite outfit to wear?	Write a commercial selling your favorite toy, game or food.