

WRITING ACTIVITIES

Writing stimulates interest in reading.

1. Encourage your child to keep a journal. Write in the journal twice a week.
Possible topics:
 - Today I read about ...
 - I was happy ...
 - I was sad ...
 - I wish that ...
 - My favorite animal is ...
 - Once I was frightened when ...
 - If I had \$100, I would ...
2. Show your child a picture from a magazine. Ask your child to write the things that can be smelled, seen, and felt in the picture.
3. Have your child write about trips and reactions to trips.
4. Read the beginning of a story and have your child write the ending.
5. Have your child write letters and postcards to family and friends.
6. Have your child write about the things that are thought of before going to sleep.
7. Have your child write about dreams.
8. Show your child a picture from a magazine and discuss the picture. Have your child write what might have happened either fifteen minutes before or fifteen minutes after the picture.



9. After reading fairy tales, have your child write what might have happened to the character if the situation had been different.
10. Your child might make puppets and write stories or plays about them.
11. Your child might keep a diary about daily experiences.
12. You and your family might participate in Sustained Silent Writing.
 - Set aside a time each day when everyone writes for five (5) minutes.
 - The writing can either be shared or not.

*Correct spelling is not a priority in these writing activities but if your child asks you to spell a word, do spell it. Your child may also use a dictionary.

