

Fifth and Sixth Grade Writing
Mrs. Looney
Summer!!!! Writing!!!! Exciting!!!!

Collecting words! One of my favorite things to do is write and collect words. This summer, I invite you to open a notebook or journal and fill it with words. Enjoying words of all shapes, sizes, and sounds will be something that we will focus on in our classroom in the fall.

Please read the following guidelines for ideas of how to get started. Enjoy!

Suggestions for "collecting words" this summer:

- 1) Begin by buying or making a blank book or notebook. The book can have lines to guide you or can be blank. You can use your notebooks that you have used in school from previous years.
- 2) Decorate the cover to make it special. Be sure to put your name on the cover.
- 3) If you have an iPod or other device, find an app that can help you create a space to collect your words. Some of my favorite free apps are Paper by 53, and Word Collage. I also love the free app and website *Weebly*. Pic Collage and Prezi are also great places to record your thoughts. VidRhythm and Videolicious are creative ways to record your favorite words. Let me know if you have a favorite app or website that allows your creativity to flow.
- 4) Write the date each time you write in or add to your book or electronic creation.
- 5) Start collecting words. Use pencils, pens, markers, watercolor paints, newspapers, magazines, photos, electronic devices, etc., to add to your collection.
- 6) Throughout the summer, I would like you to write in your book or on your device everyday, a few times a week, or once a week. It should be something that you look forward to. This is *your* writing journey. Be creative.
- 7) Please be mindful of spelling correctly and using punctuation and correct grammar when you write.
- 8) Refer to the list entitled "Some suggestions for your writing collection" that is found on the next page.

Some suggestions for your writing collection:

These are only suggestions. Write about whatever interests you.

- 1) Write about the books that you are reading.
- 2) Write letters to friends, family members and relatives.
- 3) Make thank you cards to people you care about.
- 4) Fill out the book forms describing the books you are reading.
- 5) Write on Mrs. Looney's blog about the books you are reading.
- 6) Write a poem to be displayed when we get back to school. Submit a poem to Mrs. Looney's blog.
- 7) Write about what you did that day.
- 8) Create your own website. *Weebly* is an easy, free way to get started.
- 9) Keep a list of all the print materials that you read over the summer. Example: books, magazine articles, etc.
- 10) Keep a list of all the interesting things that you have discovered in your yard.
- 11) Keep a list of scores from your favorite sports.
- 12) Draw pictures. Write about the picture.
- 13) Take a photo and post it on Instagram (with parental permission only). Write a short poem and add it to your comments of your photo.

- 14) Write down the words to your favorite songs.
- 15) Write recipes to your favorite foods.
- 16) Design a menu.
- 17) Write the words to a poem you saw in a magazine.
- 18) Cut out interesting articles from the newspaper and write what you think.
- 19) Be a reporter. Write your own newspaper.
- 20) Be a sports reporter. Report about a ball game that you watched or write about a made-up event.
- 21) Write your own song.
- 22) Design dance steps.
- 23) Write out some plays for your favorite sport.
- 24) Write a science experiment.
- 25) Write about something new that you learned from the Internet (with the permission of your parents).
- 26) Write down the dreams that you had while you were sleeping.
- 27) Write down your dreams for the future.
- 28) Write out some math problems and solve them.
- 29) Write a story.
- 30) Write a play.

And the list goes on and on and on....

Write about whatever interests you. But be sure to write! Enjoy!

Bring your book or electronic creations to class on the first day of school. My children and I will also be writing in our books this summer and will be creating on our electronic devices. I look forward to sharing the contents of my book and creations with you.