

Summer Writing Ideas

- Have your child write out the grocery or shopping list. "To do" lists for the day are great, too!
- Let your child write letters to friends or relatives and mail them, if possible (it's a great motivator to write)!
- Have your child keep a journal to write about what they did during the day (let them reflect on their day or write about how they are feeling). Take time to decorate the journal too, this can help them take ownership of their writing.
- Have your child write stories that they may come up with or even poems. Make sure they add detail! Remind them to start sentences with capital letters, end sentences with periods, and keep space between words.
- Encourage inventive spelling (stretching out a word as they write the sounds they hear), as well as remembering to correctly spell sight words they have learned.
- Also encourage as much imagination and creativity in their writing as possible. The summer is supposed to be fun so unless your child needs some guidance getting started, give them the freedom to write about whatever they want!
- Practicing writing words from high frequency word lists may help them remember the words more. This may also help your child in practicing letter formation and spacing on a page.
- Create a summer journal jar full of ideas to write about.
- Hold a family book club where you read the same book and journal about it. Then one evening have everyone share out their reflections and record them on paper.