

If your child isn't writing yet:

Encourage them to draw their journal entries. Kids can learn a lot about writing by telling their thoughts to an adult or older sibling and having them write their words.



If your child is a beginning writer:



Encourage them to draw their entries and add words when they can. Every little bit of practice matters. Can they sound out a few words to describe their drawing? How about writing a short sentence and signing their name?

If your child is a writer:

Encourage them to write as much as possible! When kids have lots of chances to put their thoughts and ideas on paper their writing skills strengthen and grow!

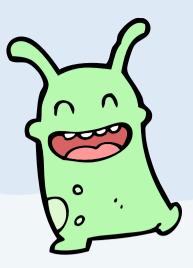


What to write about...

Let your child know that ANYTIME they experience something they want to remember or share their journal is a great place to write or draw about it. Did something funny happen? Did they go someplace interesting? Try a different food or activity? Did they have a cool dream last night? Write about it!







A friendly alien from outer space just landed in your neighborhood. Where are 3 places you would like to take them?

Pretend you're a fish. Write about the things you might see, feel, hear, taste, or smell.

Have you read a good book or watched a movie that you would recommend to a friend? Write about it. Include why you think your friend would like it too.

What are some animals you see where you live? Write about a time you saw one. What animal was it? What did the animal do?

Write about a time you helped someone. Who did you help? What did you do? How did it make you feel to help someone?



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Pretend you just discovered you can get to a magical land. What does the land look like? Do other humans or creatures live there? Who do you hope will visit?

Imagine your job is to make a new and delicious ice cream flavor. What would it be? Describe what it might taste and look like. What name would you give it?

What is your favorite type of weather? Once you have decided, write about your favorite thing to do in that type of weather.

If you could have a pet, real or imaginary, what would it be? Why did you choose it?

Pretend you have magical powers and can turn yourself from a human into any plant or animal (and then back again). Which plant or animal do you pick? Why?





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