

Planting our Seeds for Writing

Authors often share that the inspiration for their stories come from their own lives. Every day we experience our own small adventures- we meet interesting people, visit new places, and solve problems. This summer, while you enjoy the sunshine, we challenge you to collect these ideas to help you develop stories next year. Use a journal (or whatever works for you) to jot down a sentence, a paragraph, or a chapter about the small moments each day. Use words and/or pictures to help plant the seeds for the stories you will write in your classroom.

Questions to help capture your seeds for writing:

- ★ Did you meet anyone new or interesting?
- ★ Can you describe someone you know?
- ★ Can you describe someone you admire?
- ★ Did anything funny happen today?
- ★ Did something happen today that reminded you of anything?
- ★ Can you share something you know a lot abouts?
- ★ Did something unbelievable happen?
- ★ Did you have any problems today?
- ★ Did you solve any problems today?
- ★ Did you go anywhere new?
- ★ Can you describe a place you visited?
- ★ Do you have favorites you can share?
- ★ Did you observe anything?
- ★ Did you notice anything?
- ★ Did something make you feel very happy/ sad. mad/ excited?
- ★ Can you draw a picture of something that happened today?

