

# Writer's Notebooks



*“Writers are like other people, except for at least one difference. Other people have daily thoughts and feelings, notice this sky or that smell, but they don’t do much about it. Not writers. Writers react. And writers need a place to record those reactions.” ~Ralph Fletcher*

Dear Families,

We are very excited to continue using our “Writer’s Notebooks” during Writer’s Workshop, but we need your help! A Writer’s Notebook is a special place where we can explore our thoughts and feelings and live as writers. It’s a way for us to record our ideas, wonderings, hopes, noticings, dreams, and memories. It is a powerful tool that will help your children to grow and live as writers and it is because of this that we want these notebooks to be as unique and special as possible.

We are asking that over the weekend, you and your child take some time together to decorate his/her Writer’s Notebook. These notebooks should represent who they are as a person and what they’re interested in. It might have things such as pictures of family, friends, or special events in your child’s life. Words and images can be cut out from magazines as well. The goal is that these images will help your child generate ideas to write or think about. These notebooks should be covered both back and front. If you decide to use stickers please use them sparingly. Optionally, you may cover the notebook with clear contact paper so that their books will stay intact throughout the year. These notebooks must be brought back to school on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> as we will continue working in them on that day. If not finished, they may continue to bring them home until they are finished; they must have the notebook in school every day. The children are very excited and this will be highly motivating for them.

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Sincerely,

*Miss Williams*