



# Writer's Notebook

Dear Parents,

This year students will be doing lots of writing during "Writer's Workshop" in our classroom. We will explore many different genres of writing and study the craft of well-known authors to improve our own writing skills. All students have their own Writer's notebook (marbled notebook), but I would like your child to personalize his or her notebook to make it unique, and it will also help generate ideas for writing. This notebook will be a place of opportunity where cross-curricular themes, creative ideas, personal feelings, and new characters will be created and developed throughout the year. It will be fun to take a peek at your child's writer's notebook every now and then as the year goes on to observe the constant progress he or she is making as a writer. The notebook should reflect your child's personality, hobbies, and culture.

Your child's very first writing homework assignment is to decorate his/her writing notebook. This take-home writing project is due ~~Monday, October 10, 2011~~ so this evening and over the weekend gather items and materials that will aid in the process of making the notebooks special.

Here are some ideas:

- **Special photos** (They will be cut and pasted, so you may want to make copies or print new copies if you use a digital camera)
- **Souvenirs** (ticket stubs from special events, pictures from brochures, etc.)
- **Magazine pictures/clippings** (students can cut out fun pictures from magazines of animals, favorite foods, favorite celebrities, meaningful words, etc.)
- **Clip art** (students can use a computer to print out clip art pictures)
- **Scrapbook materials** (stickers, decorative paper, stamps, etc.)
- Anything else you can think of that reflects you that you can glue onto the cover of the notebook.

**Be creative!**

Please help your child choose things with which he or she will decorate the writer's notebook.

If your child wants to cover the notebook in decorative paper before gluing items on, that is fine too. Just make sure that your child does not place too many 3-D items on because notebooks may be housed in the pocket of a 3-ring binder (writing portfolio) that stays in the classroom. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,